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IN TO BOT OR NOT TO BOT!

PART ONE

FFRRRRZZZZZ AAPP!!

I CAN'T LOOK! TELL ME WHEN IT'S OVER!

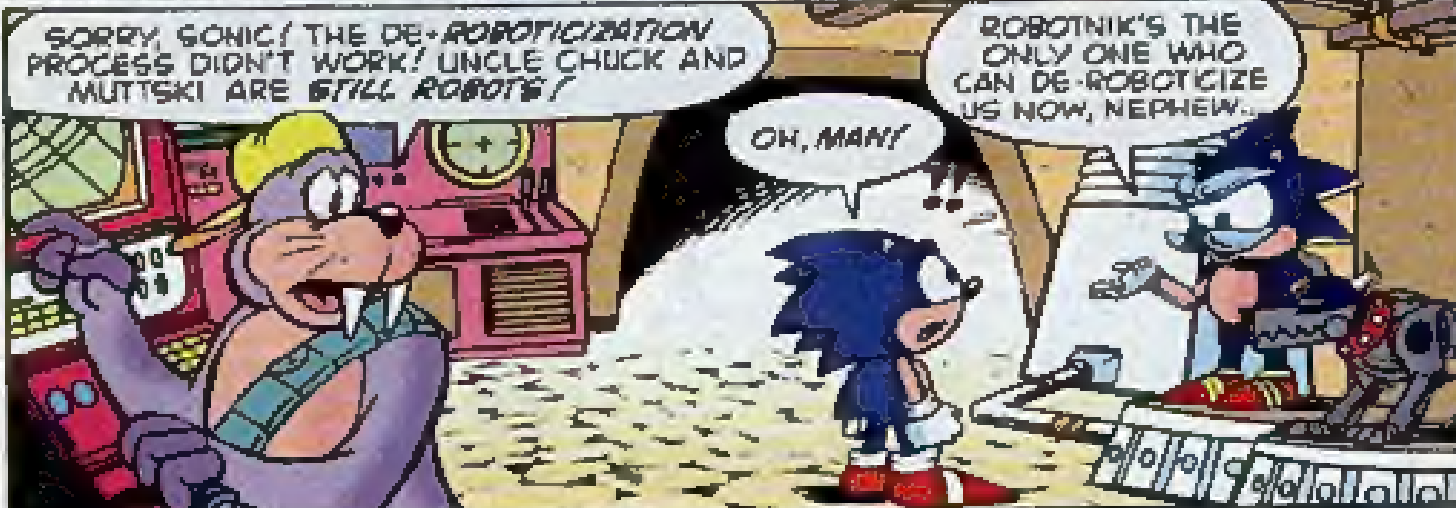


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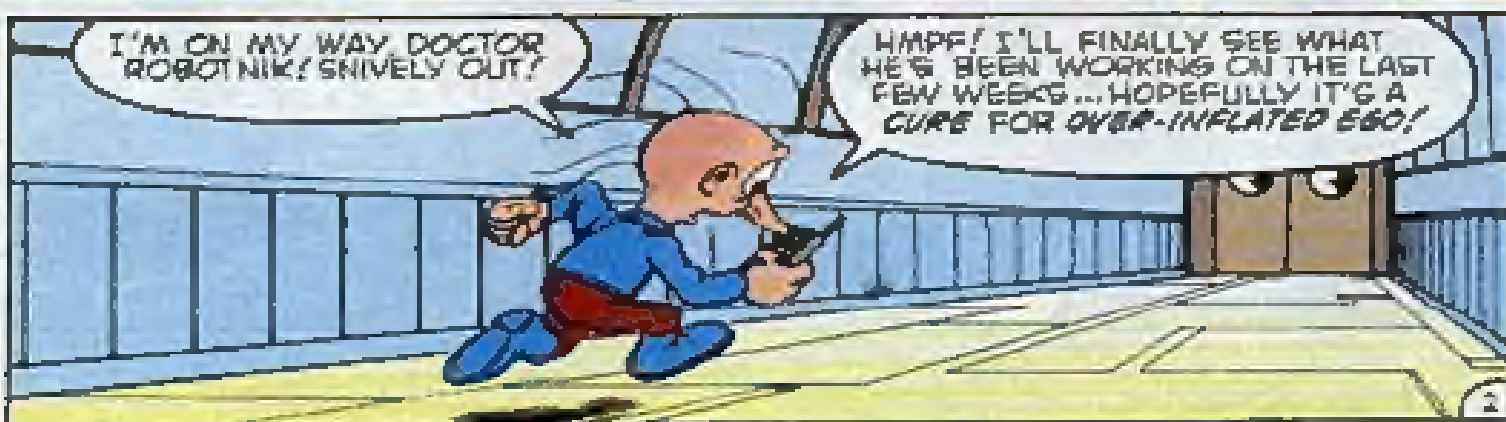
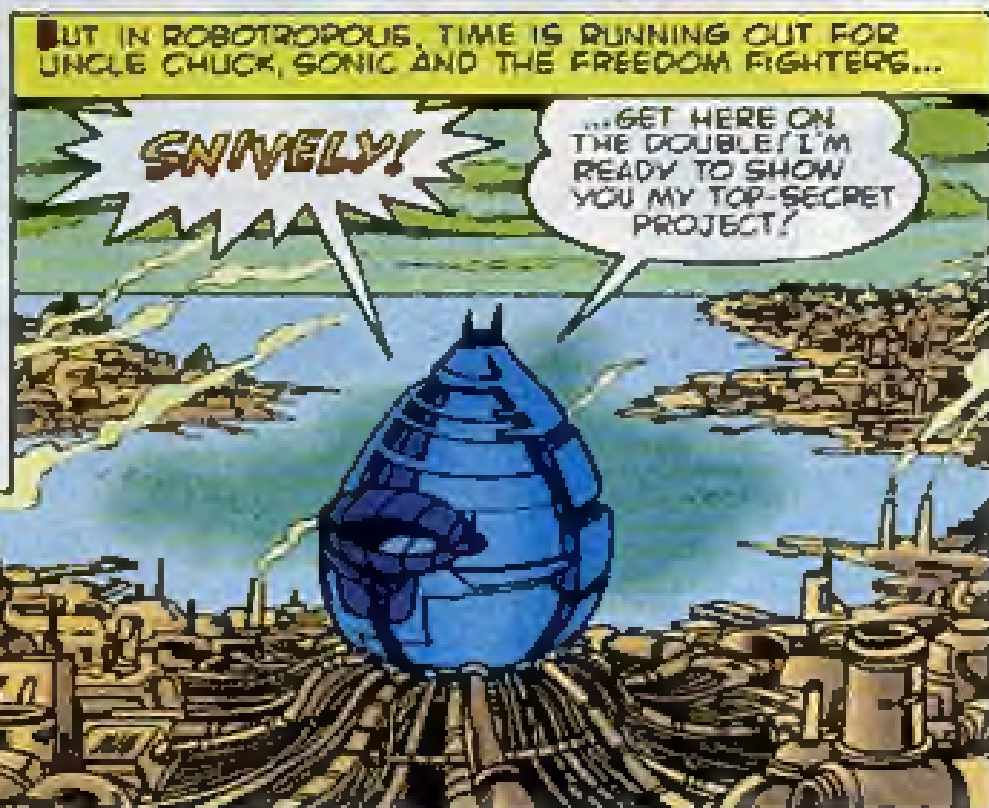
SORRY, SONIC! THE DE-ROBOTICIZATION PROCESS DIDN'T WORK! UNCLE CHUCK AND MUTTSKI ARE STILL ROBOTS!

ROBOTNIK'S THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN DE-ROBOTICIZE US NOW, NEPHEW..

OH, MANY



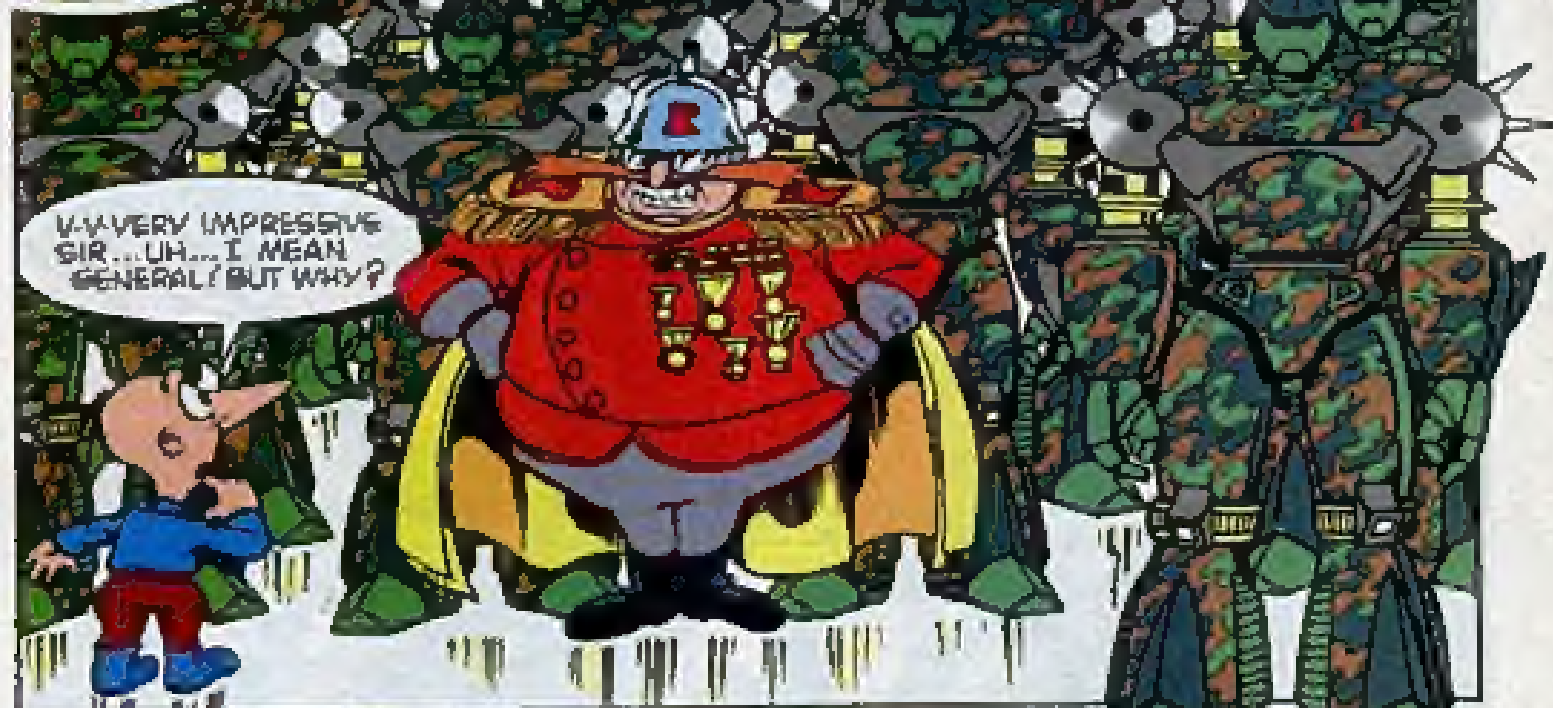
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... **EEEEEP!**

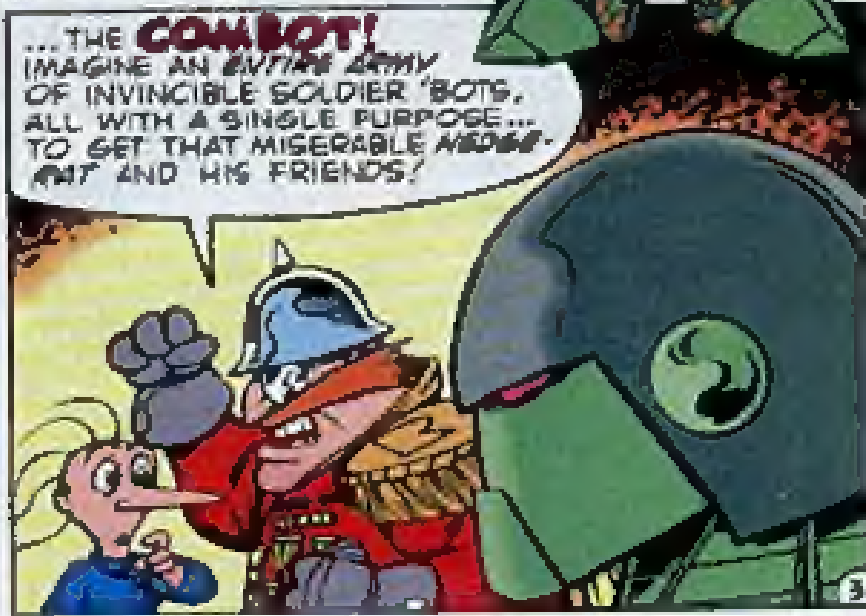
FROM NOW ON, SNIVELY, YOU CAN CALL
ME **GENERAL** ROBOTNIK, SUPREME
COMMANDER OF THE **GREATEST FIGHTING**
FORCE IN HISTORY!



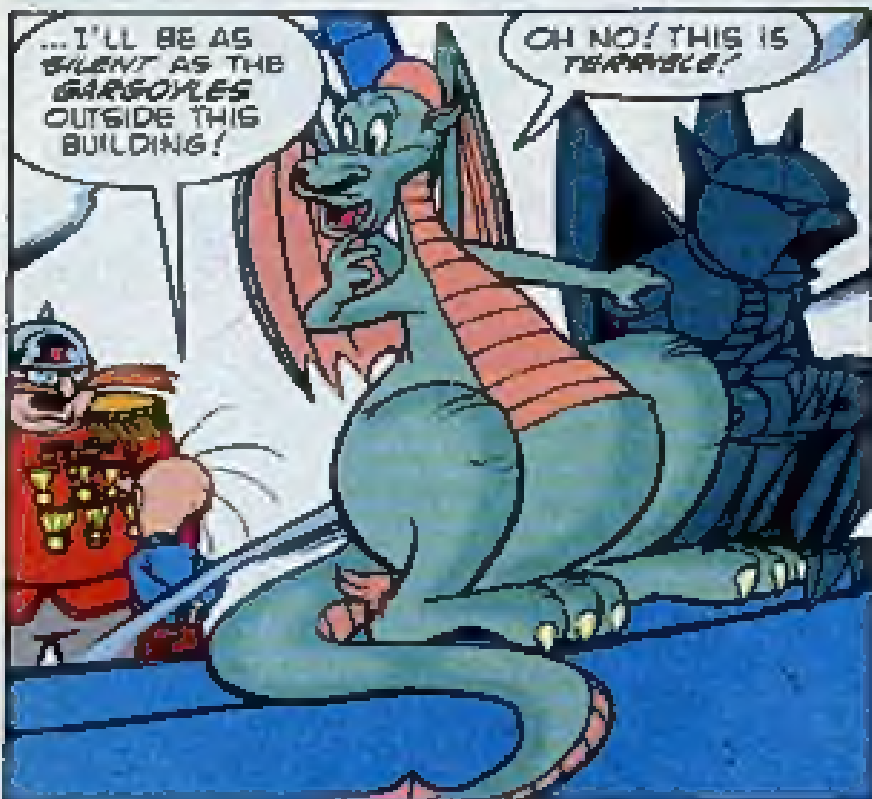
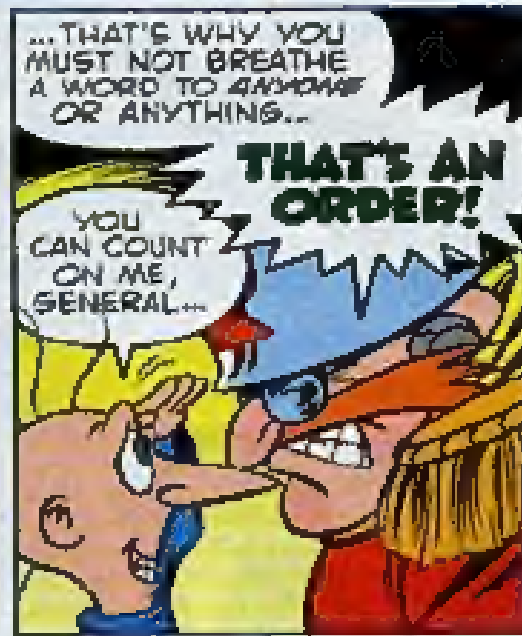
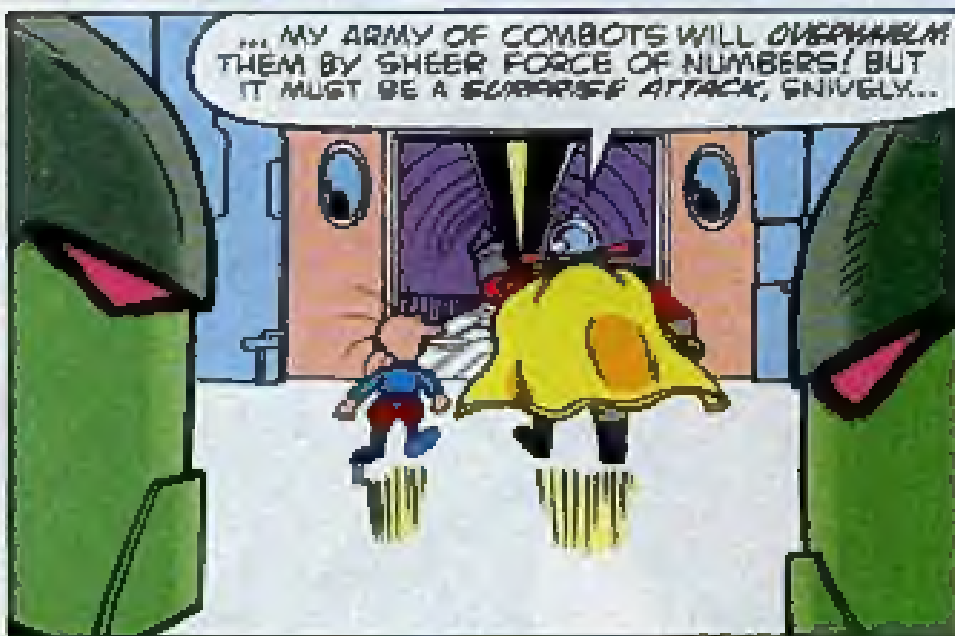
V-VVERY IMPRESSIVE
SIR...UH...I MEAN
GENERAL! BUT WHY?



BECAUSE I'VE DECLARED
TOTAL WAR ON SONIC AND
THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS! FOR
THAT REASON, I'VE CREATED THE
ULTIMATE COMBAT MACHINE...



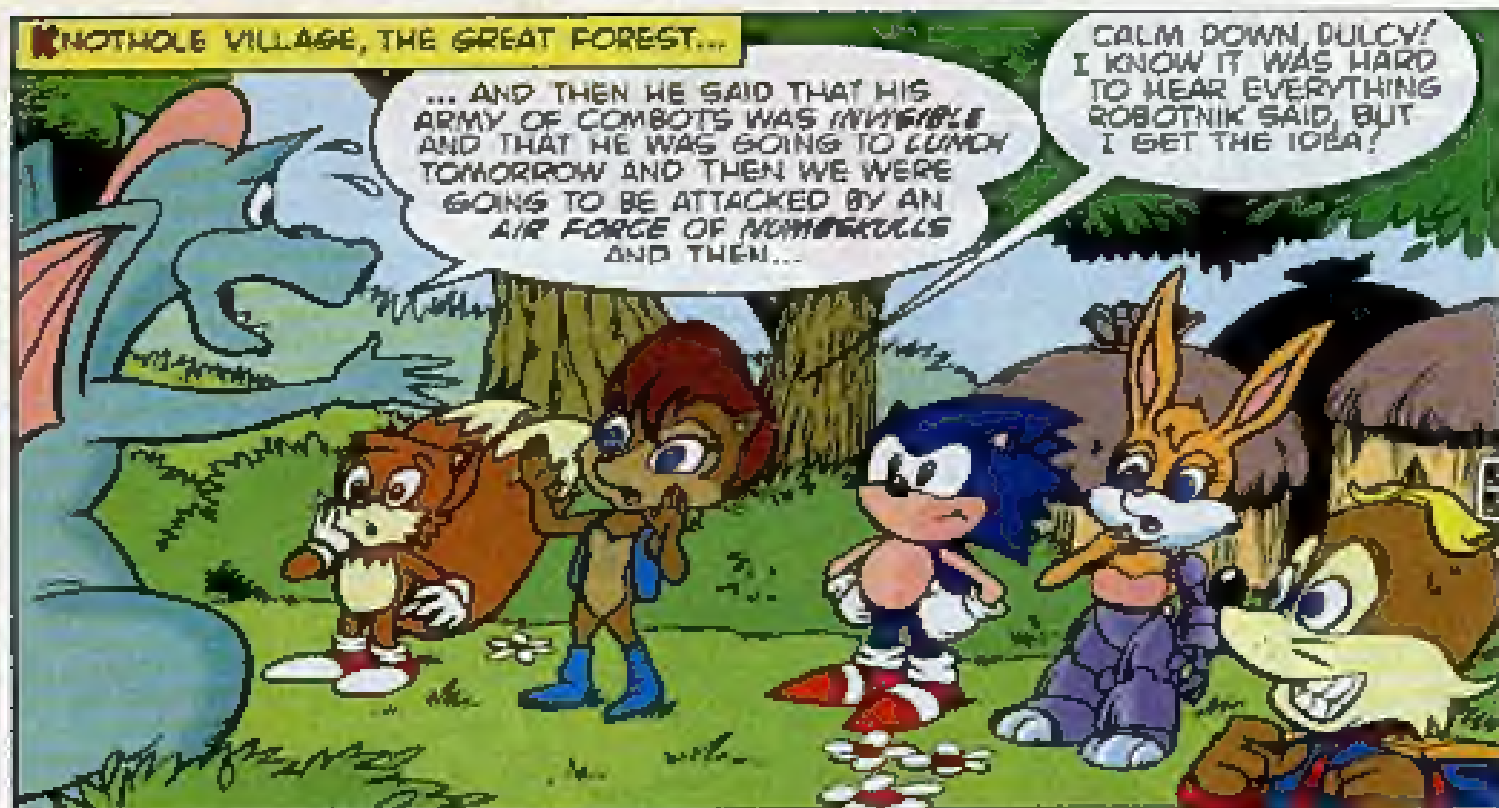
... THE **COMBOT!**
IMAGINE AN ENTIRE ARMY
OF INVINCIBLE SOLDIER 'BOTS,
ALL WITH A SINGLE PURPOSE...
TO GET THAT MISERABLE NEGG-
ROT AND HIS FRIENDS!



KNOTHOLE VILLAGE, THE GREAT FOREST...

... AND THEN HE SAID THAT HIS ARMY OF COMBOTS WAS INVINCIBLE AND THAT HE WAS GOING TO LUNCH TOMORROW AND THEN WE WERE GOING TO BE ATTACKED BY AN AIR FORCE OF NUNDEKULLS AND THEN...

CALM DOWN, DULCY! I KNOW IT WAS HARD TO HEAR EVERYTHING ROBOTNIK SAID, BUT I GOT THE IDEA!



WE'VE GOT TO DESTROY THE ARMY OF COMBOTS WHILE THEY'RE ALL TOGETHER IN ONE PLACE!

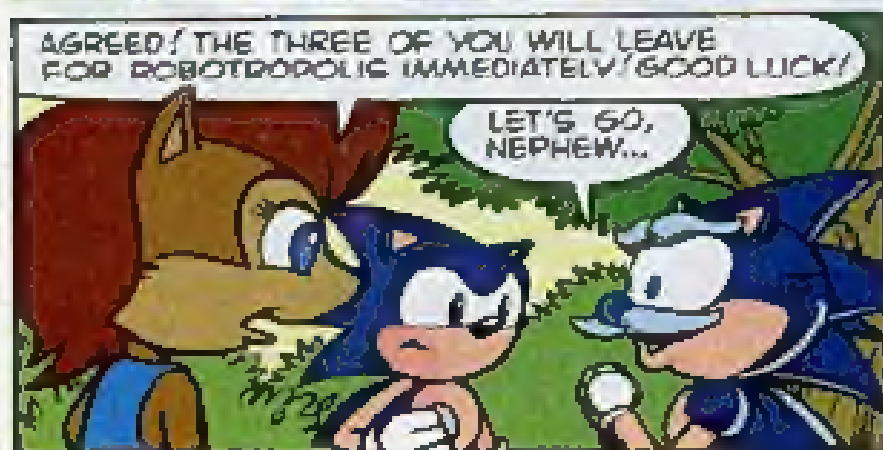
THAT'S A JOB FOR ME AND MUTTSKI, SALLY! WE KNOW OUR WAY AROUND ROBOTNIK'S HEADQUARTERS BETTER THAN ANYONE!

NO WAY ARE YOU GOING ON THIS MISSION WITHOUT ME, UNC!

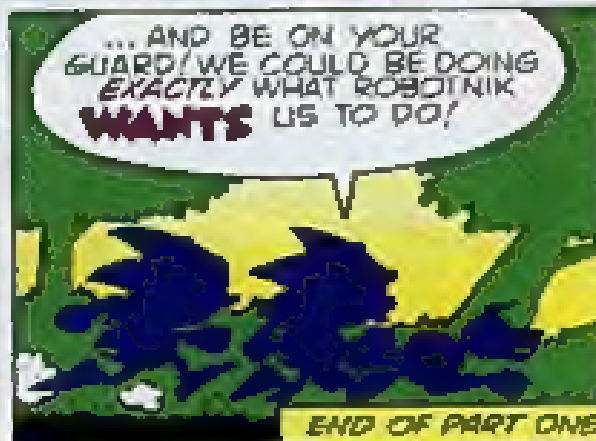


AGREED! THE THREE OF YOU WILL LEAVE FOR ROBOTROPOLIS IMMEDIATELY! GOOD LUCK!

LET'S GO, NEPHEW...



... AND BE ON YOUR GUARD! WE COULD BE DOING EXACTLY WHAT ROBOTNIK WANTS US TO DO!



END OF PART ONE

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IN TO 'BOT OR NOT TO 'BOT!

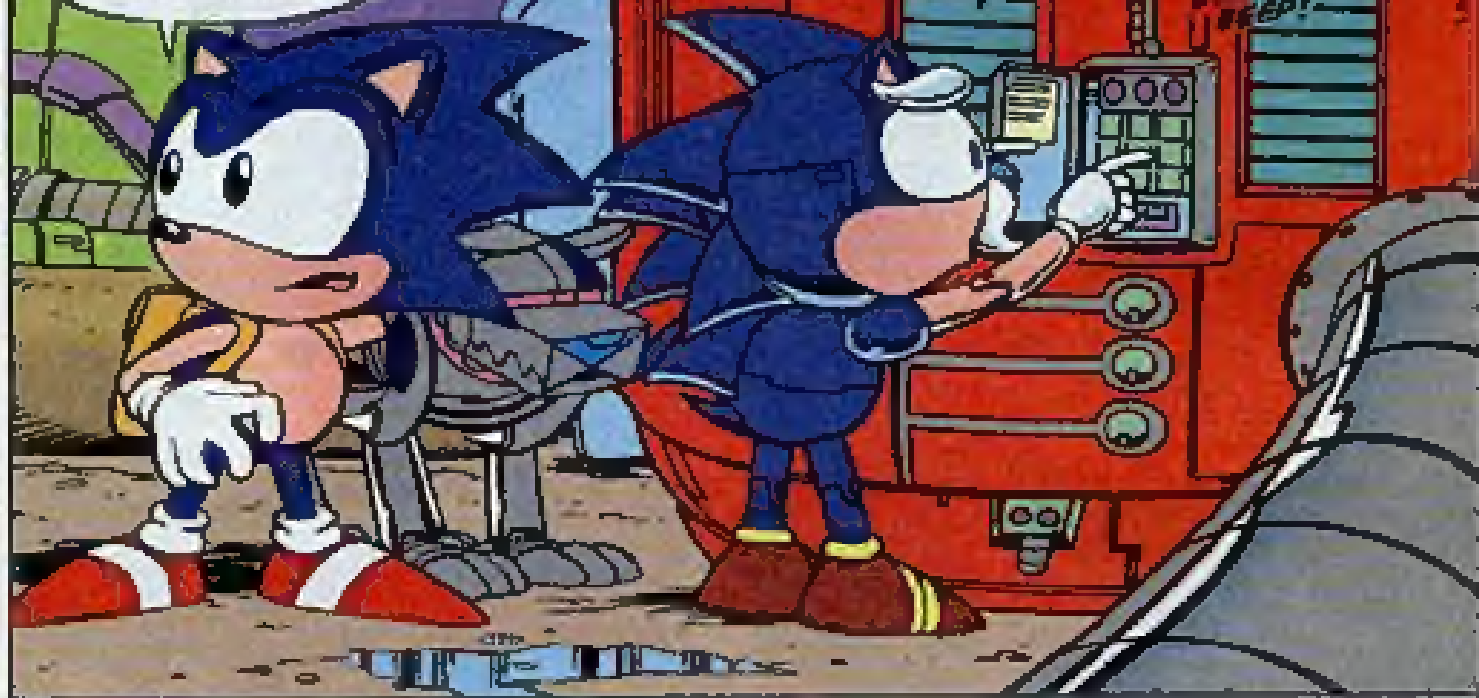
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AS GLOOMY NIGHT FALLS ON ROBOTROPOLIS, SONIC, UNCLE CHUCK AND MUTTSKI ARE OUTSIDE ROBOTNIK'S HEADQUARTERS...

JUST GET US IN, UNCLE CHUCK! I'LL DO THE REST!

I KNOW ALL OF ROBOTNIK'S ACCESS CODES, SO GETTING THROUGH SECURITY SHOULD BE NO PROBLEM... STILL, IT'S ODD THAT HE HASN'T CHANGED HIS CODES SINCE I ESCAPED!

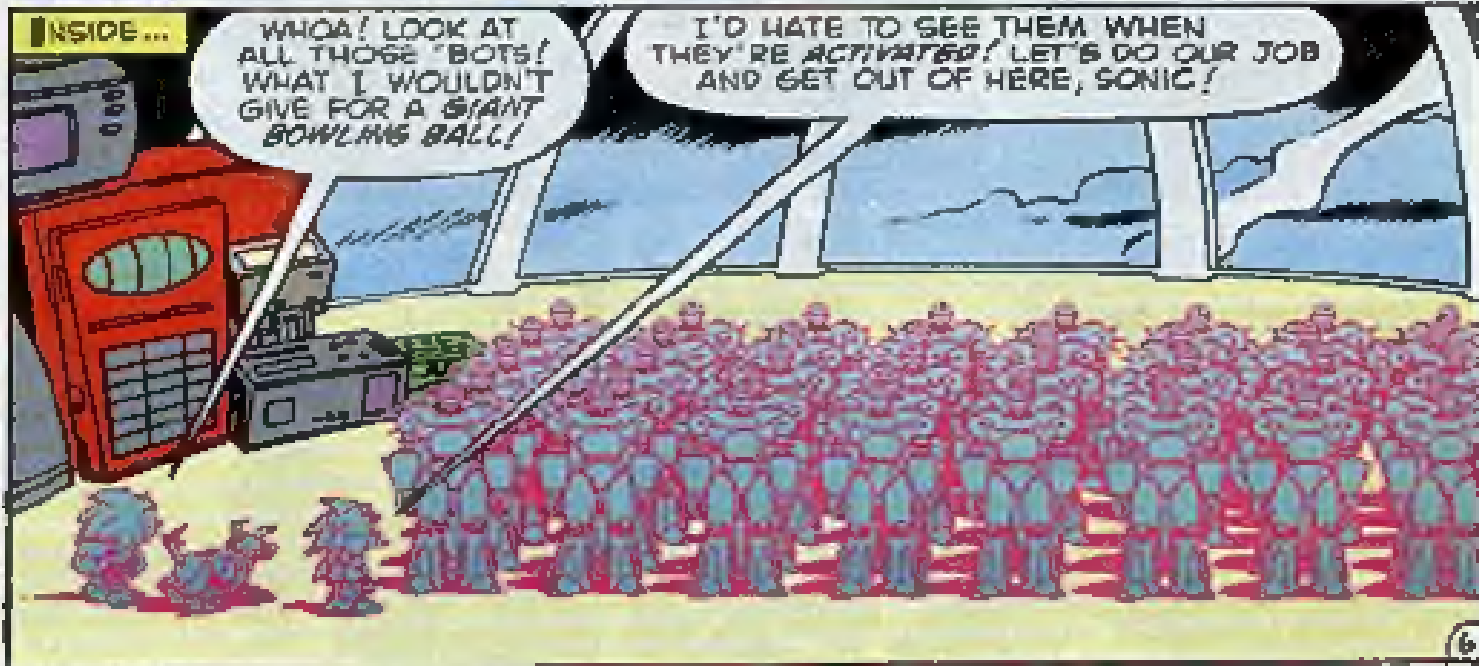
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BOOP!
BEED!

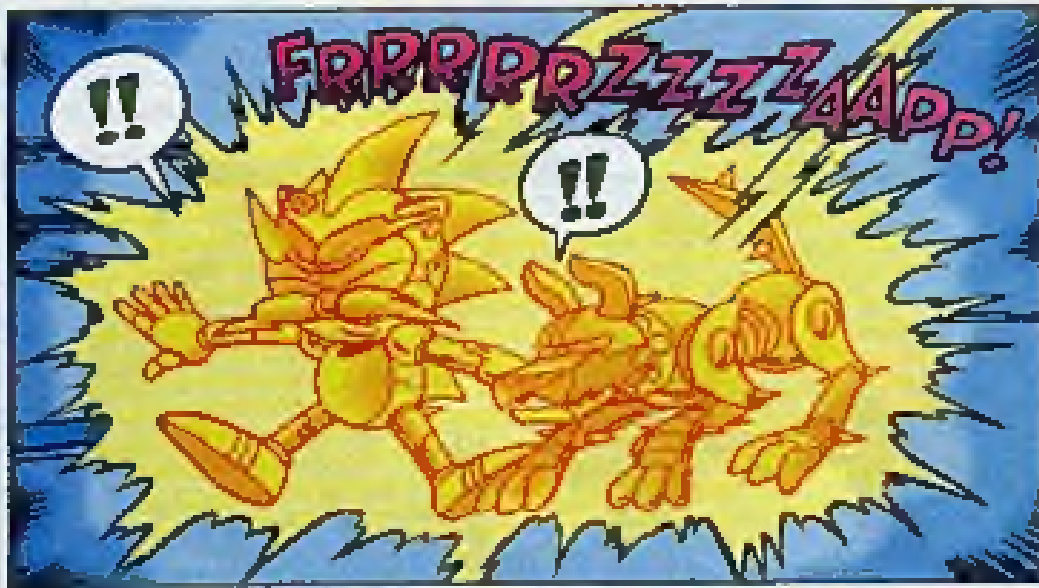
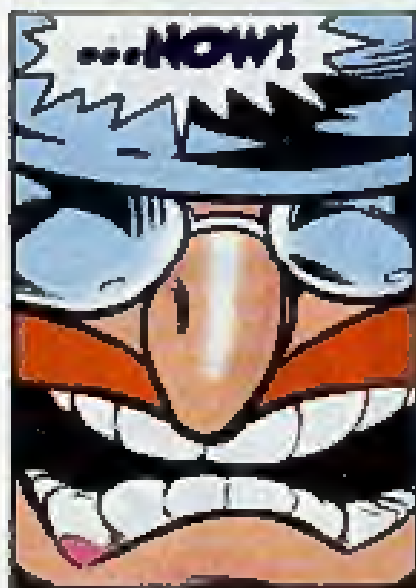
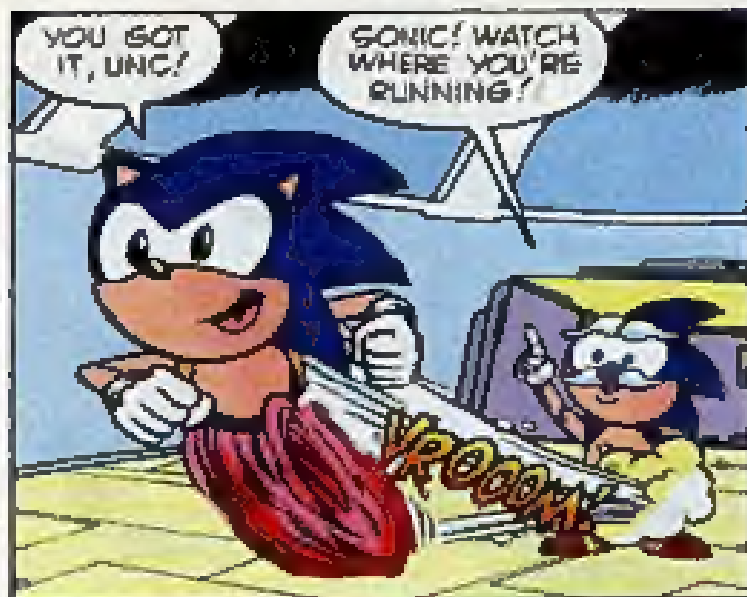


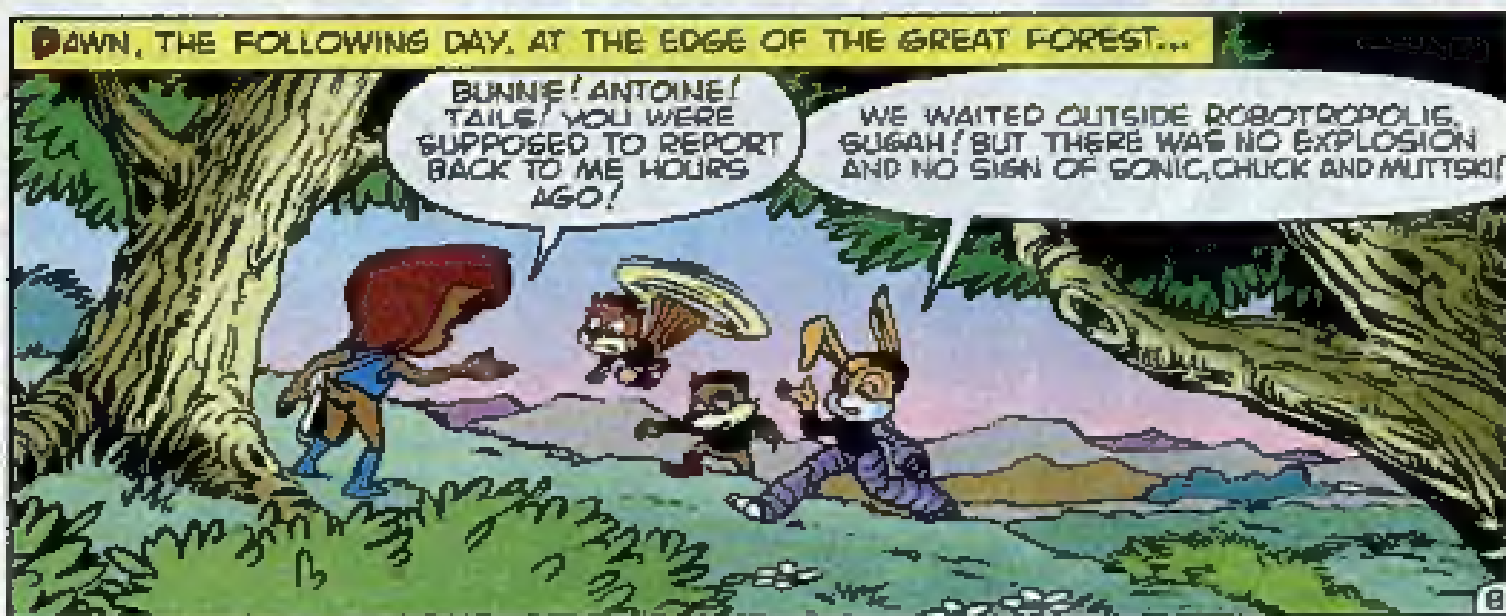
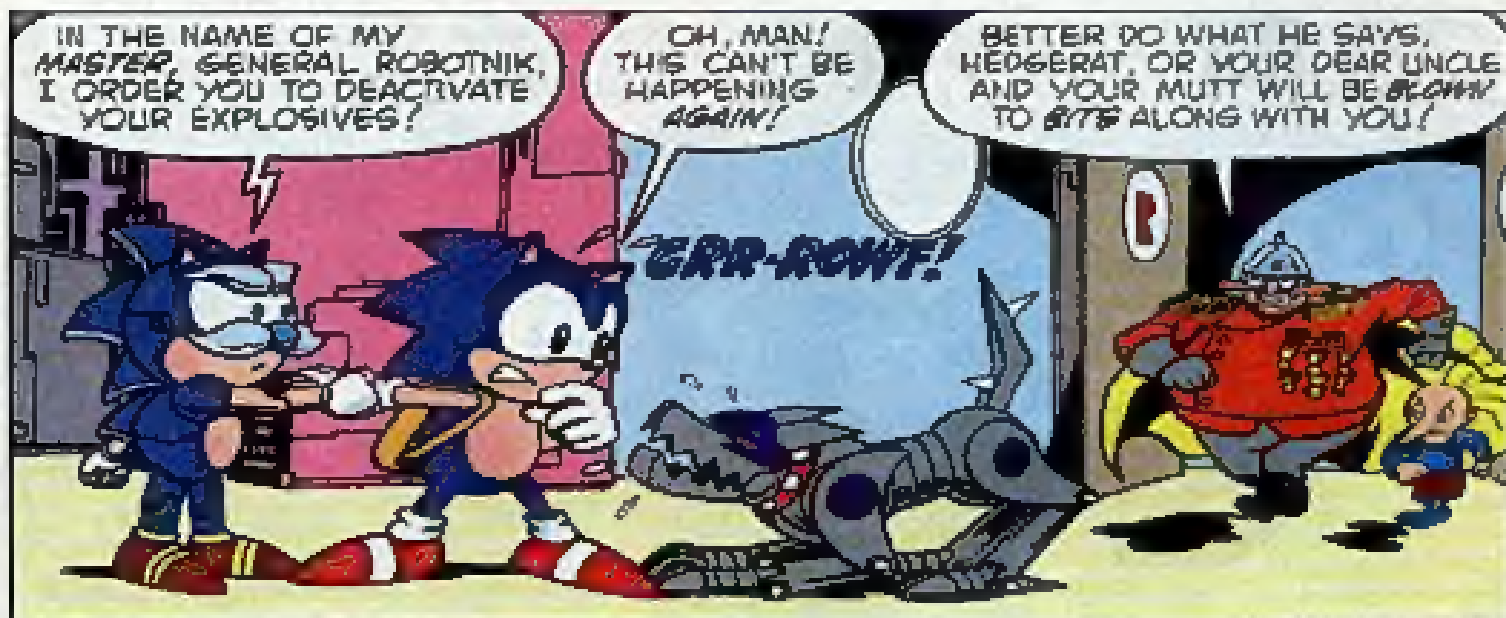
INSIDE...

WHOA! LOOK AT ALL THOSE 'BOTS! WHAT I WOULDN'T GIVE FOR A GIANT BOWLING BALL!

I'D HATE TO SEE THEM WHEN THEY'RE ACTIVATED! LET'S DO OUR JOB AND GET OUT OF HERE, SONIC!









SOMETHING MUST HAVE GONE WRONG! PERHAPS THEY WERE CAPTURED!

I WAS ABOUT TO GO LOOK FOR ZEM, PRINCESS, BUT I HEARD ZE LOUD, MYSTERIOUS NOISE!

THAT WAS YOUR KNEES KNOCKING, ANTOINE!



WAIT! WHAT'S THAT IN THE DISTANCE?

?

?

OH NO! ROBOBOTHK'S ARMY IS ON THE MARCH...AND THEY'VE TAKEN SONIC PRISONER!

I HOPE FOR YOUR SAKE, YOUR FRIENDS DON'T **ATTACK** US, HEDGEHOG!



UNCLE CHUCK AND MUTSKY ARE
MARTIALING WITH THE BOTS/ROBOTS.
MUST HAVE REALIGNED THEIR MINDS!

WE'LL
NEVER STOP
ALL THOSE
BOTS!

WE HAVE NO CHOICE
BUT TO GATHER UP ALL
FREE MOBIANS AND TAKE
THEM TO OUR UNDERGROUND
SHELTERS...

AND SAY GOODBYE
TO OUR HOME IN
KNOTHOLE VILLAGE!

SOON

THIS WAY EVERYONE! HURRY!

THAT'S FAR
ENOUGH,
PRINCESS!

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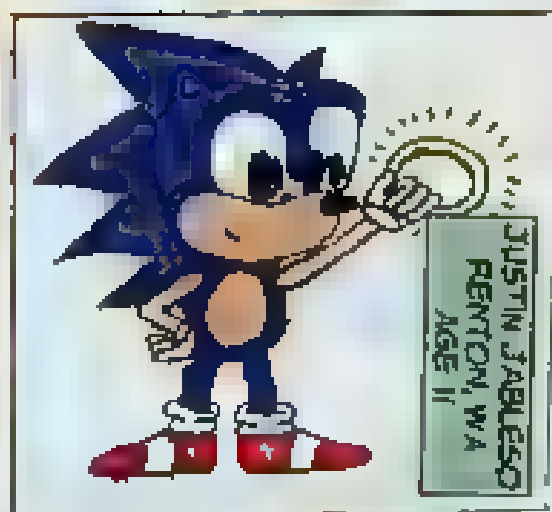
UNCLE CHUCK WAS KIND ENOUGH TO FLY ME TO THE
ENTRANCE TO YOUR SHELTER! CONGRATULATIONS YOU
ARE MY SECOND PRISONER OF WAR!!

!!

END OF PART TWO



ALFONSO CROZIO
BELLEVUE, WA
AGE 8



JUSTIN JABLESCO
RENTON, WA
AGE 11



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AGE 11



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IN **TO 'BOT OR NOT
TO 'BOT!**

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YOU CAN STOP SOME OF
LE'S ROBOTNIK, BUT YOU CAN'T
STOP **ALL** OF US! SOMEONE
WILL FIND A WAY TO BRING
YOU DOWN!



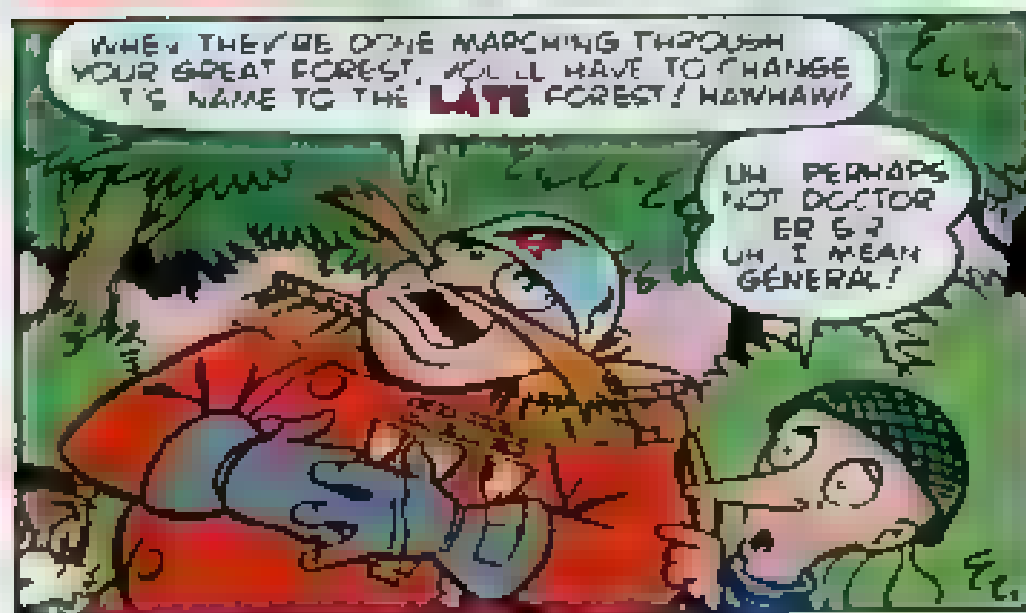
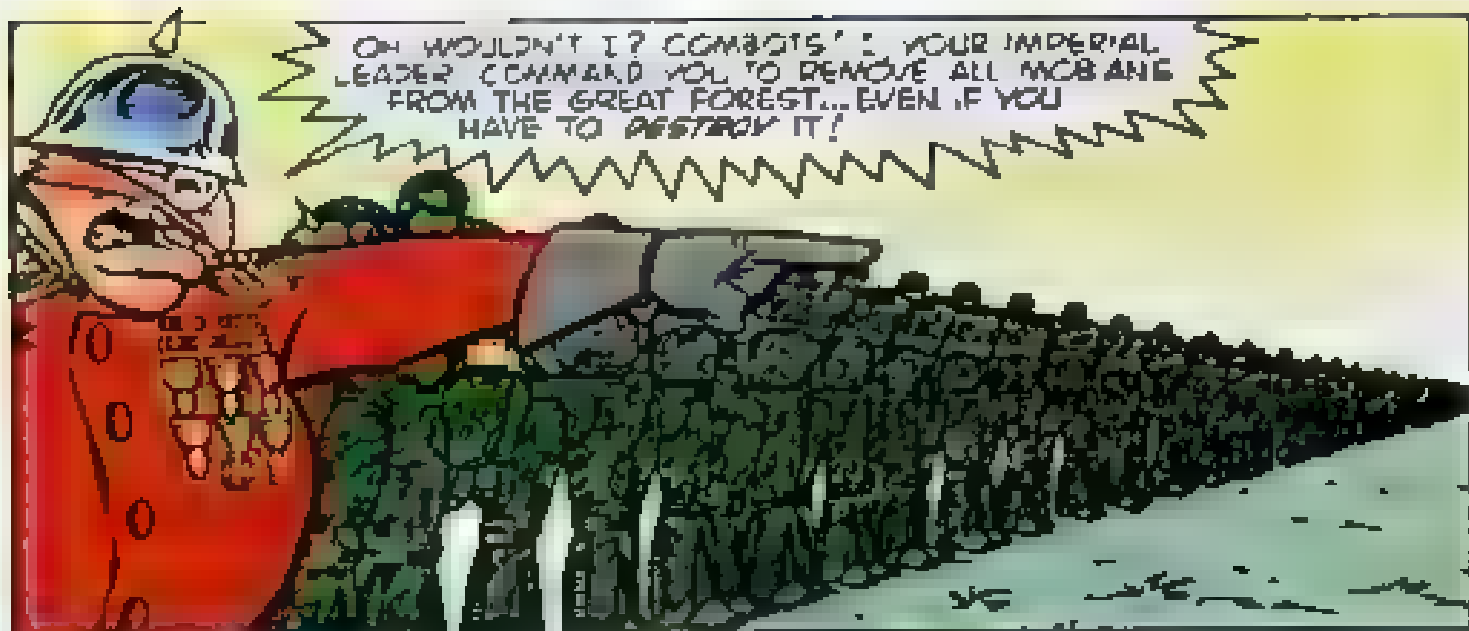
I'M AFRAID NOT PRINCESS
YOU SEE MY COMBATS ARE
PROGRAMMED TO SEEK OUT
ALL NON-ROBOTIC NOBIANS!



AND NOTHING CAN PREVENT THEM FROM
FOLLOWING ORDERS EVEN IF THEY HAVE
TO **DESTROY** THE GREAT +CREST
DOWN TO THE LAST THING!

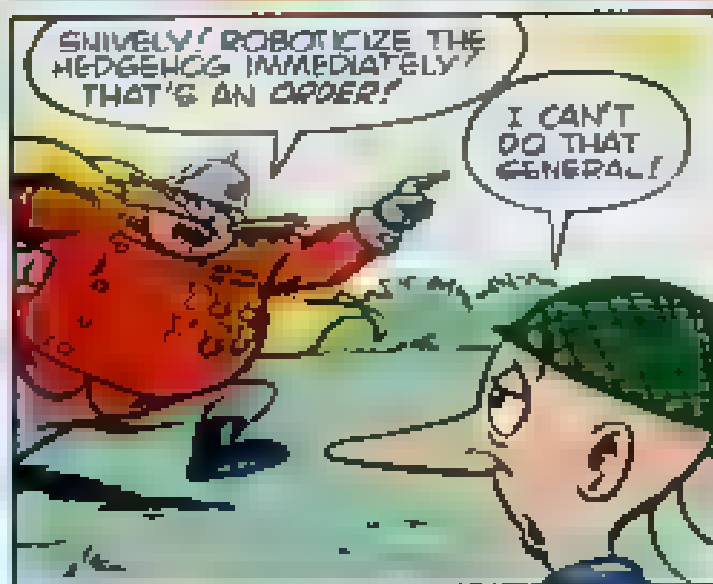
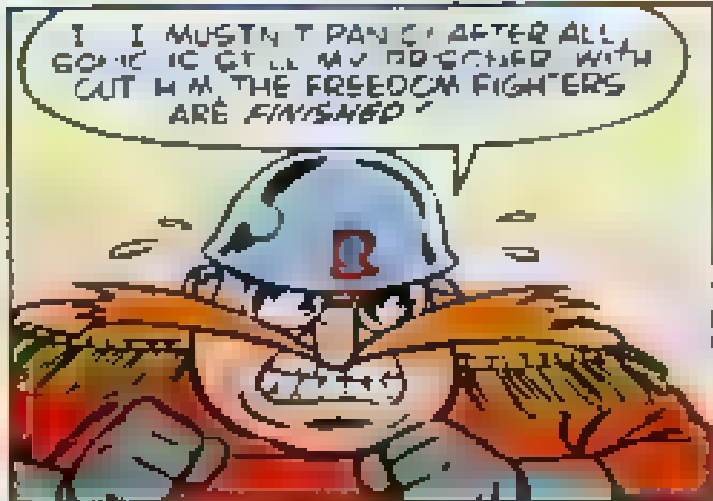


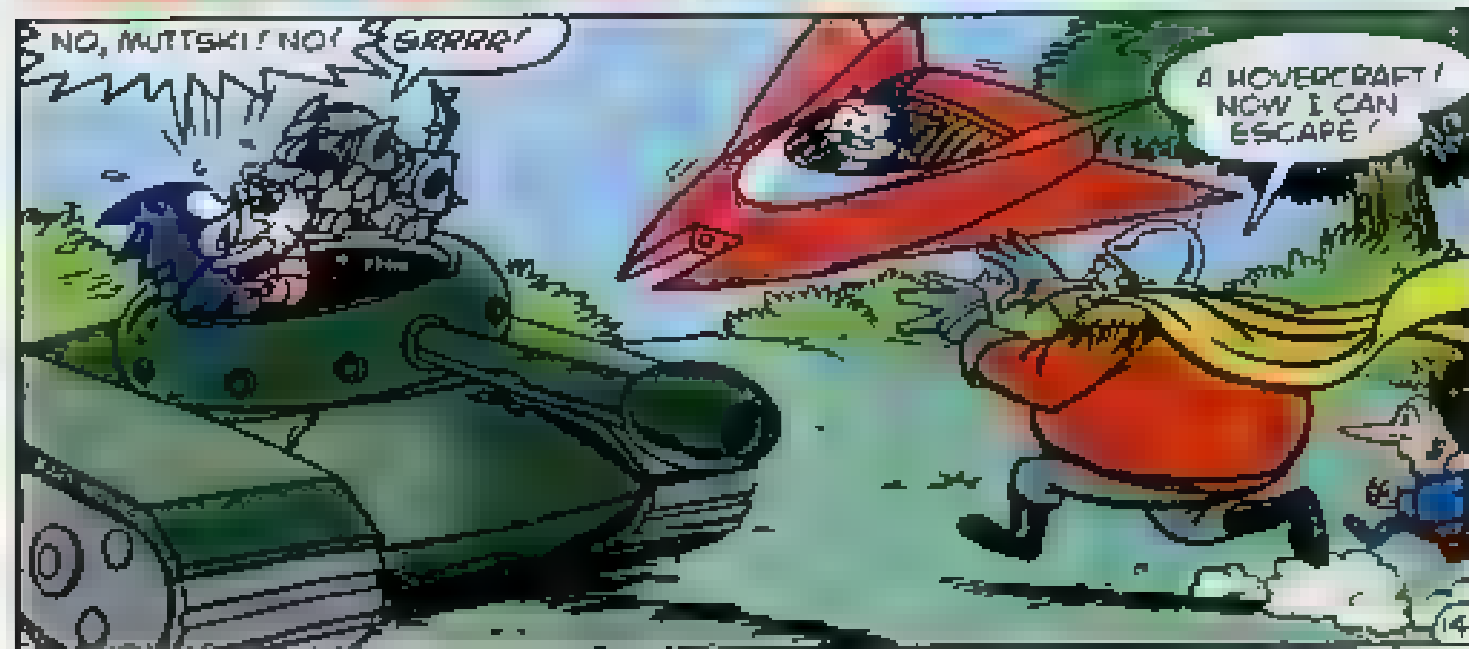
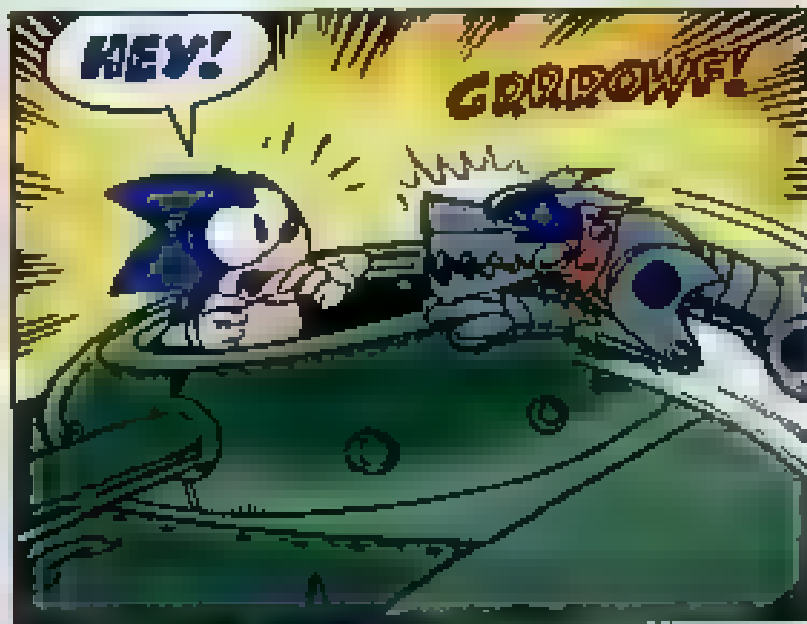
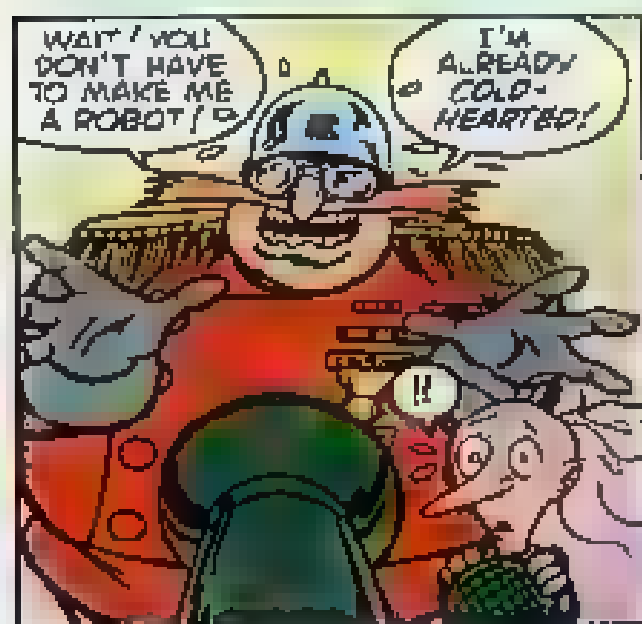
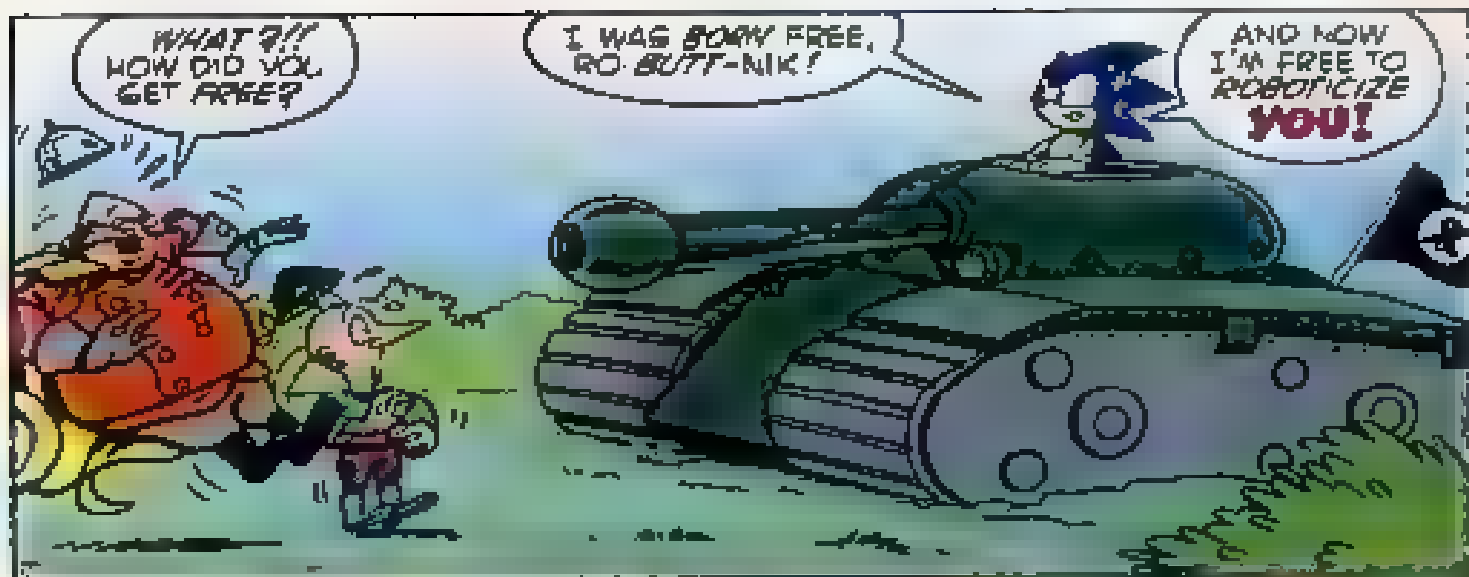
YOU WOULDN'T
DARE YOU FIGHT ANY
PERSON YOU!

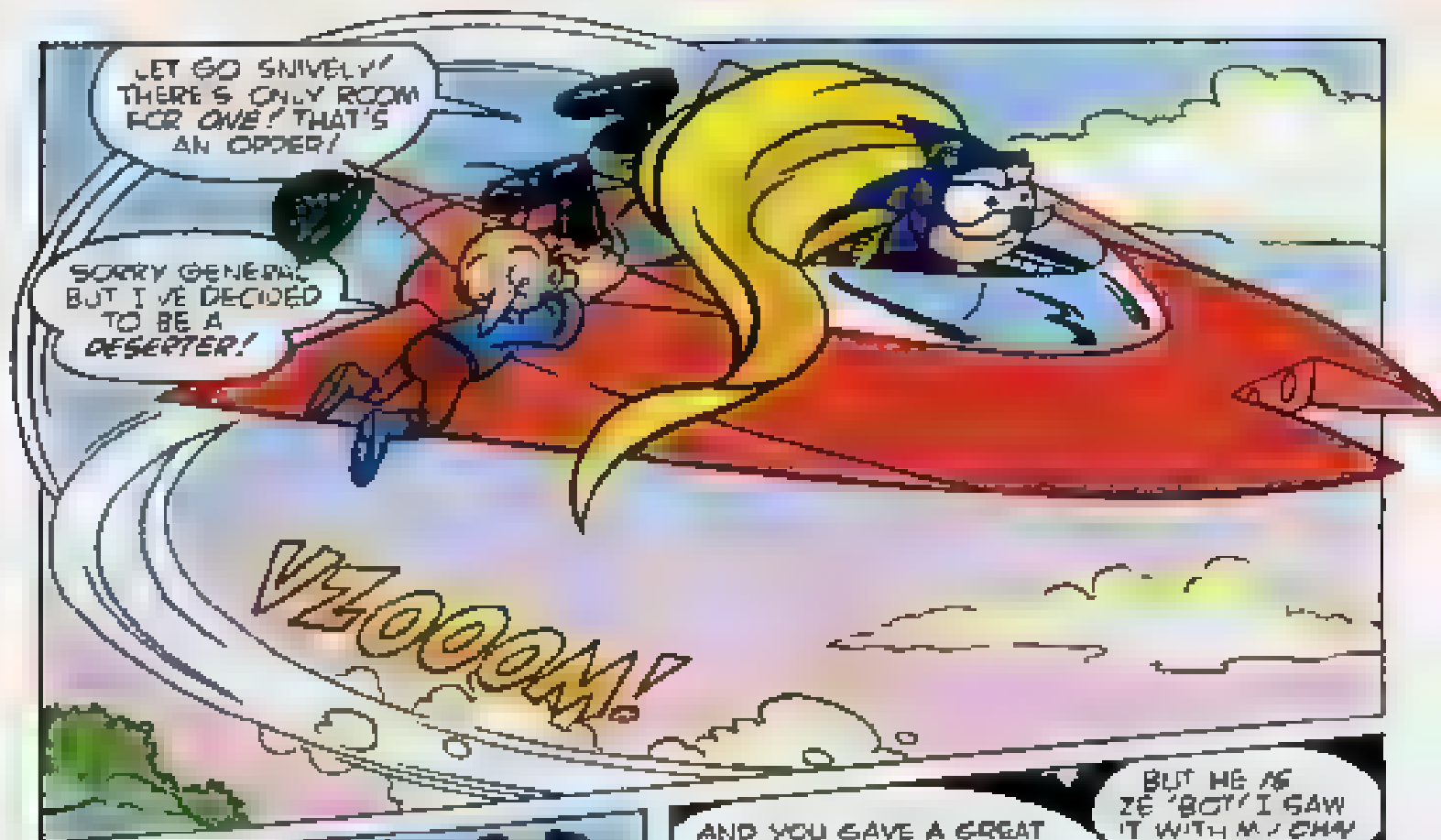


STOP! YOUR HEADING TOWARDS A CLIFF!
THE OCEAN & DOWN THERE! STOP! THIS CAN'T
BE HAPPENING TO ME AGAIN!

* DOBOTHINE'S DEMOLITION TRACTORS WERE
"CLIFFED" IN SONIC # 29 SIDE



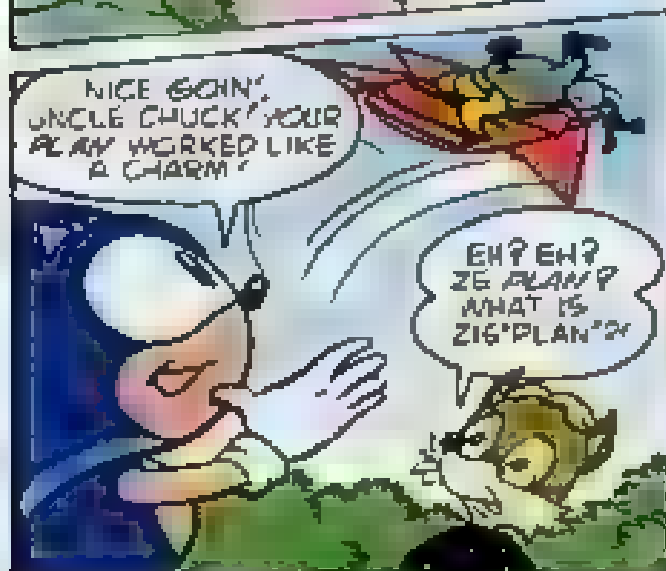




LET GO SNIVELY!
THERE'S ONLY ROOM
FOR ONE! THAT'S
AN ORDER!

SORRY GENERAL,
BUT I'VE DECIDED
TO BE A
DESERTER!

VZOOM!



NICE GOIN',
UNCLE CHUCK! YOUR
PLAN WORKED LIKE
A CHARM!

EH? EH?
ZE PLAN?
WHAT IS
ZIS'PLAN'Z?



AND YOU GAVE A GREAT
PERFORMANCE TOO, OLD
BOY! FOR A MINUTE THERE,
I THOUGHT YOU WERE
STILL A 'BOT!

BUT HE IS
ZE 'BOT! I SAW
IT WITH MY CHAY
TWO FEET!

OOH! MY HEAD
IS CONFUSED!

WOOF!



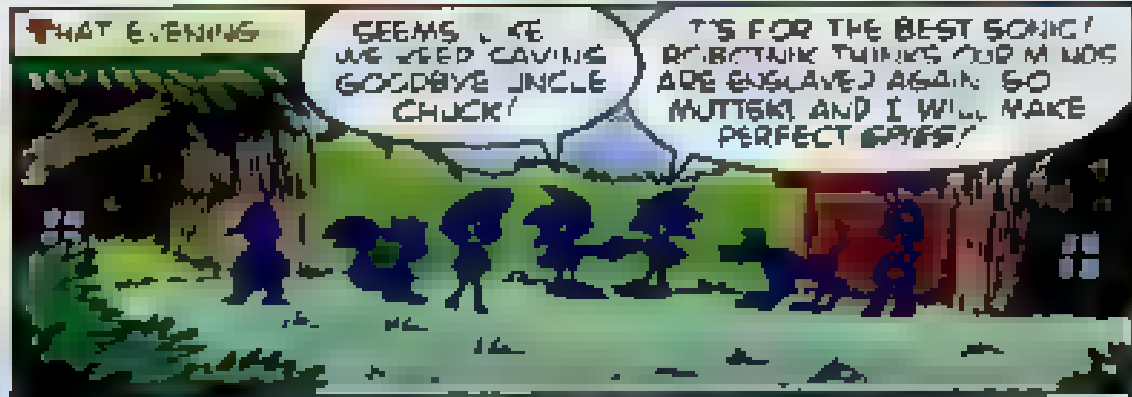
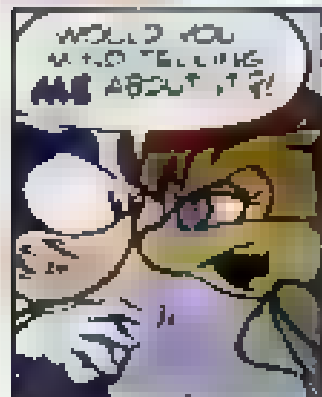
WHERE
Z CAN EXPLAIN
ANTHONY!

THE LAST TIME I
TESTED UNCLE CHUCK AND MUTTSKI
I INSERTED A NEURO-OVERRIDE*
INTO THEIR NEURAL-NETWORKS...

*IT ALLOWED THEM TO
KEEP CONTROL OF
THEIR MINDS EVEN
WHEN ROBOTNIK
TRIED TO REALIGN
THEM!



*THE SAME TYPE HE TRIED TO USE
ON SALLY IN BOWIE #20. SORRY



SONIC'S FRIENDLY NEMESIS KNUCKLES™

A SENSE OF HISTORY PART ONE



TYPICAL

THAT "ARCHIMEDES" CHARACTER IS PLAYING "HIDE AND SEEK" WITH THE CHAOTIX

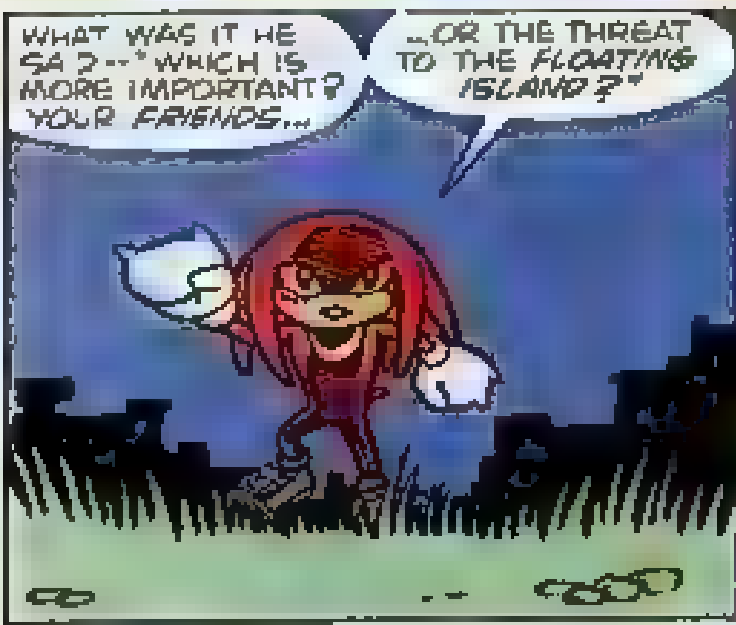
...AND AN EVEN HARDER SET OF "MIND-GAMES" WITH ME!*

THEY'VE DISAPPEARED...

...AND I'VE NO IDEA WHERE TO FIND THEM!

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MIKE KANTERBACH &
KEN PENDERGAST
PENCILS
KEN PENDERGAST
INKS
JOHN DIAMONDINO

*SEE "THE HUNT IS ON!" FROM KNUCKLES' CHAOTIX #1 -- SOON



WHAT WAS IT HE SAID... WHICH IS MORE IMPORTANT? YOUR FRIENDS...

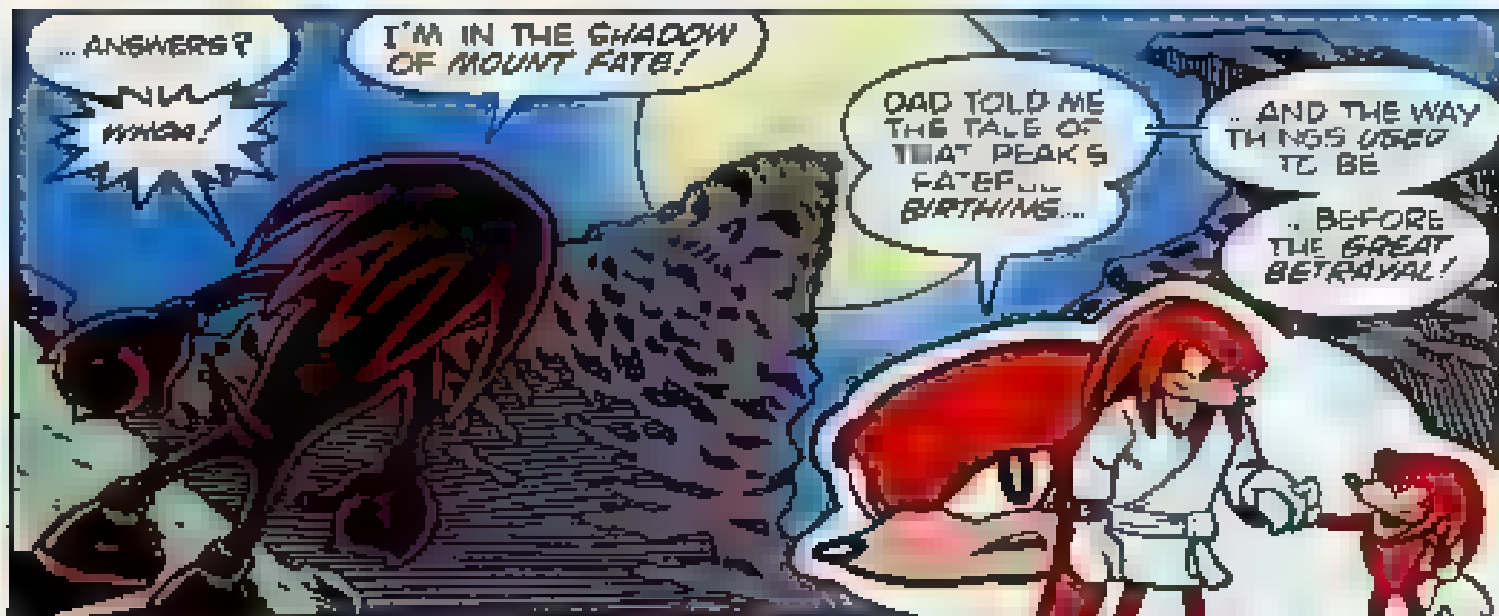
...OR THE THREAT TO THE FLOATING ISLAND?



GOOD QUESTION.

WISH I HAD A FEW

EASY...



... ANSWERS?

WHEN!

I'M IN THE SHADOW
OF MOUNT FATB!

DAD TOLD ME
THE TALE OF
THAT PEAK'S
FATEFUL
BIRTHING...

.. AND THE WAY
THINGS USED
TO BE

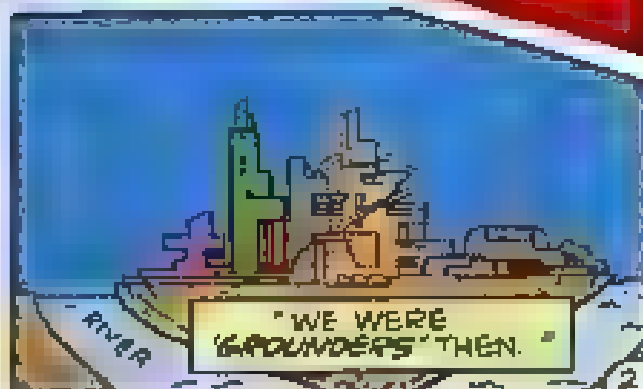
.. BEFORE
THE GREAT
BETRAYAL!

"HIS STORIES CLAIMED THAT
LONG, LONG AGO, ECHIDNA
CIVILIZATION WAS THE MOST
ADVANCED ON MORTAL!"

"OUR CITY'S GLEAMING
SPIRES ROSE HIGH
INTO THE SKY.."

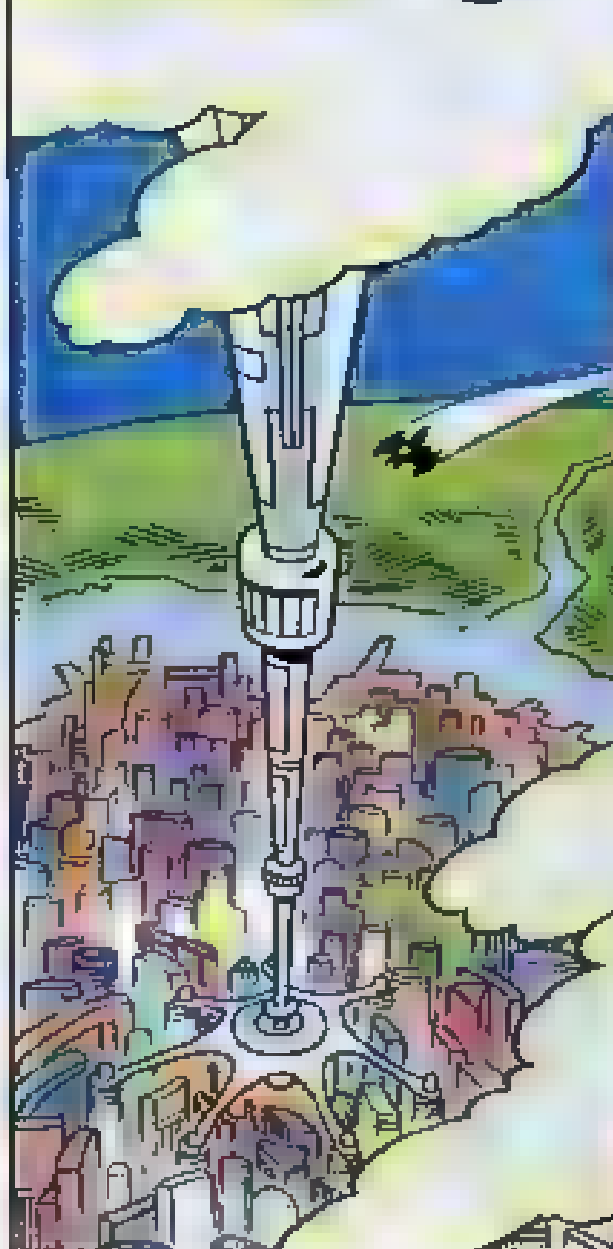
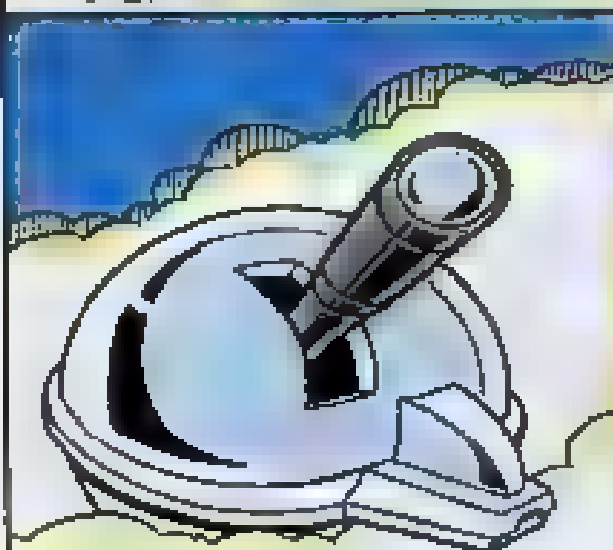
..THOUGH THE
ISLAND ITSELF
DID NOT!

ECHIDNAPOLIS
ST. BOW
GREAT RIVER OF



"WE WERE
'GROUNDERS' THEN."

... BUT OUR AMBITIONS TOUCHED
THE STARS THEMSELVES ...



"THAT'S HOW SOME DISTANT RELATIVES OF MINE
WERE ALERTED TO THE DANGER FROM ON HIGH!"

TWO MORE DEGREES, AND WE'LL HAVE
CHARTED THE ENTIRE ALPHA QUADRANT!



ALL THESE YEARS TO
LEARN "SPACE" IS A WHOLE
LOT OF NOTHING!

WISH WE'D
DISCOVERED
SOMETHING
SPECTACULAR!



GOINK!

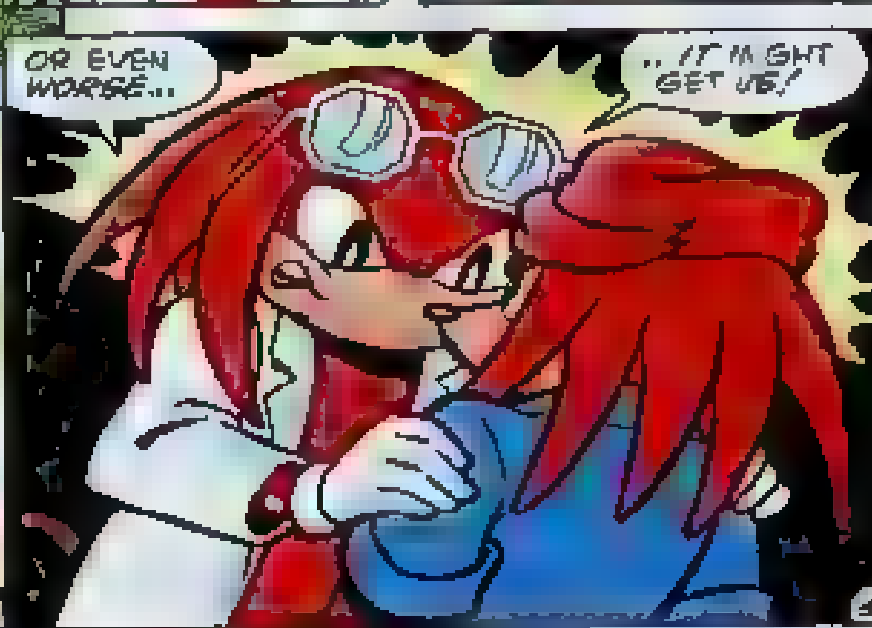
BE CAREFUL WHAT
YOU WISH FOR.

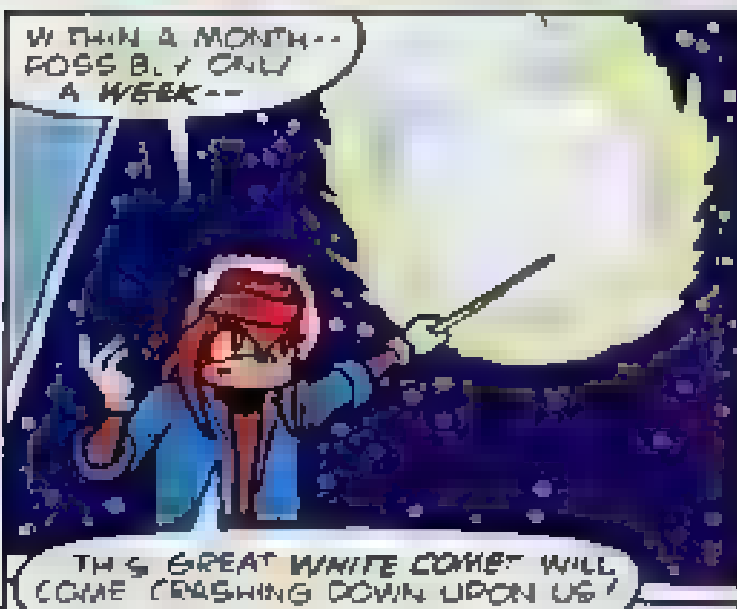


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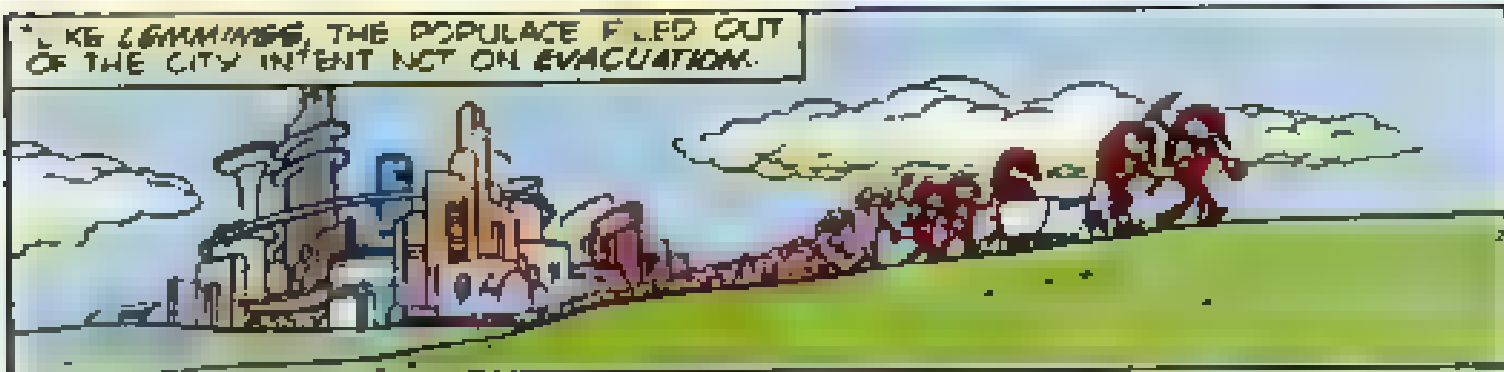
OR EVEN
WORSE...

... IT MIGHT
GET US!



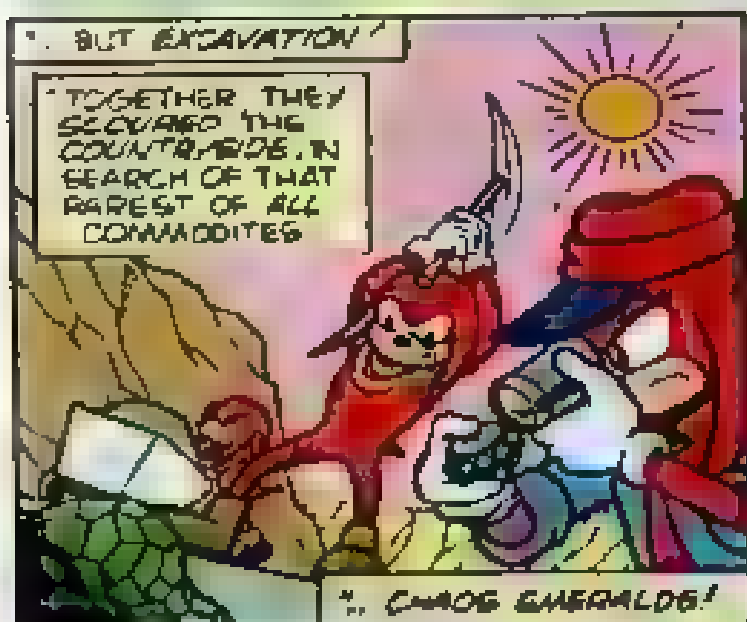


"...KE LEARNING, THE POPULACE FLED OUT OF THE CITY INTENT NOT ON EVACUATION.



"...BUT EXCAVATION."

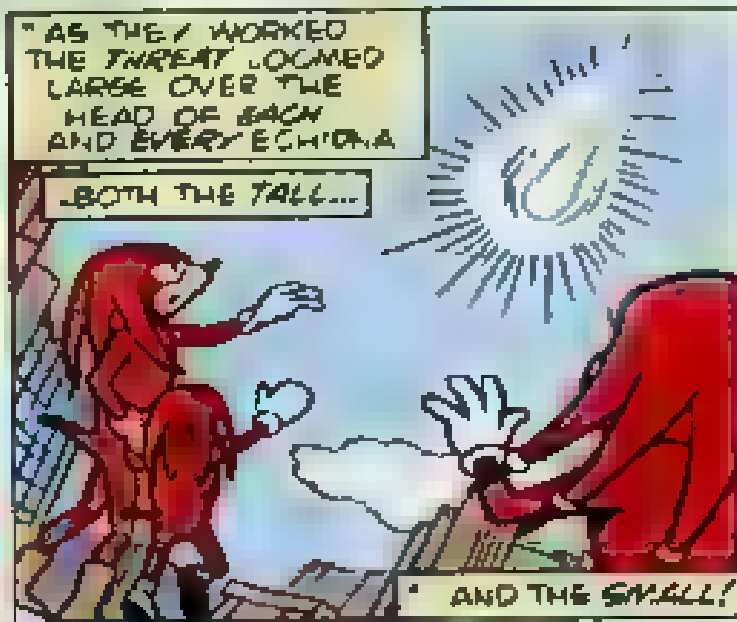
"TOGETHER THEY SECURED THE COUNTRYSIDE IN SEARCH OF THAT RAREST OF ALL COMMODITIES



"... CHAOS EMERALDS!

"AS THEY WORKED THE THREAT LOOMED LARGE OVER THE HEAD OF EACH AND EVERY ECHIDNA

"BOTH THE TALL...

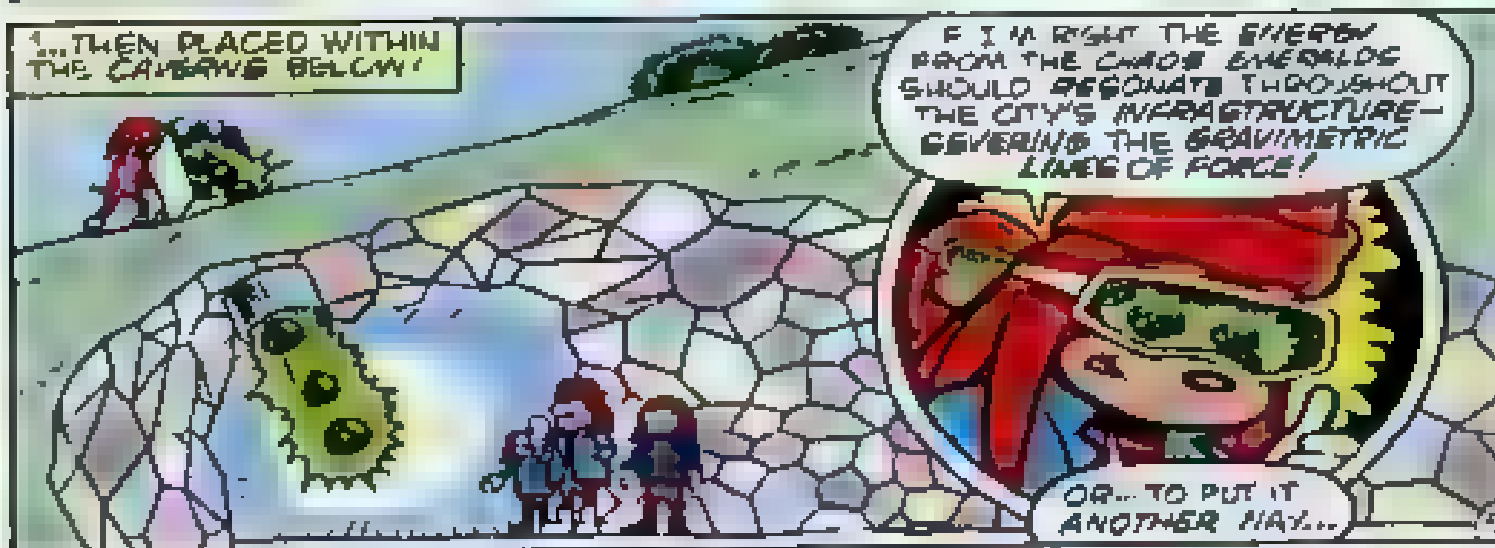


"AND THE SMALL!"

"TIME GREW SHORT, AND THE EMERALDS A DOZEN STRONG-- WERE DELIVERED BY CONVOY ...

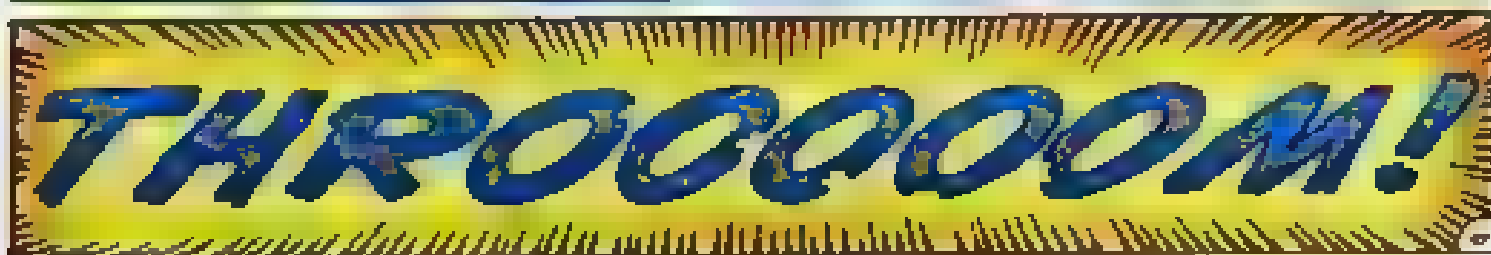
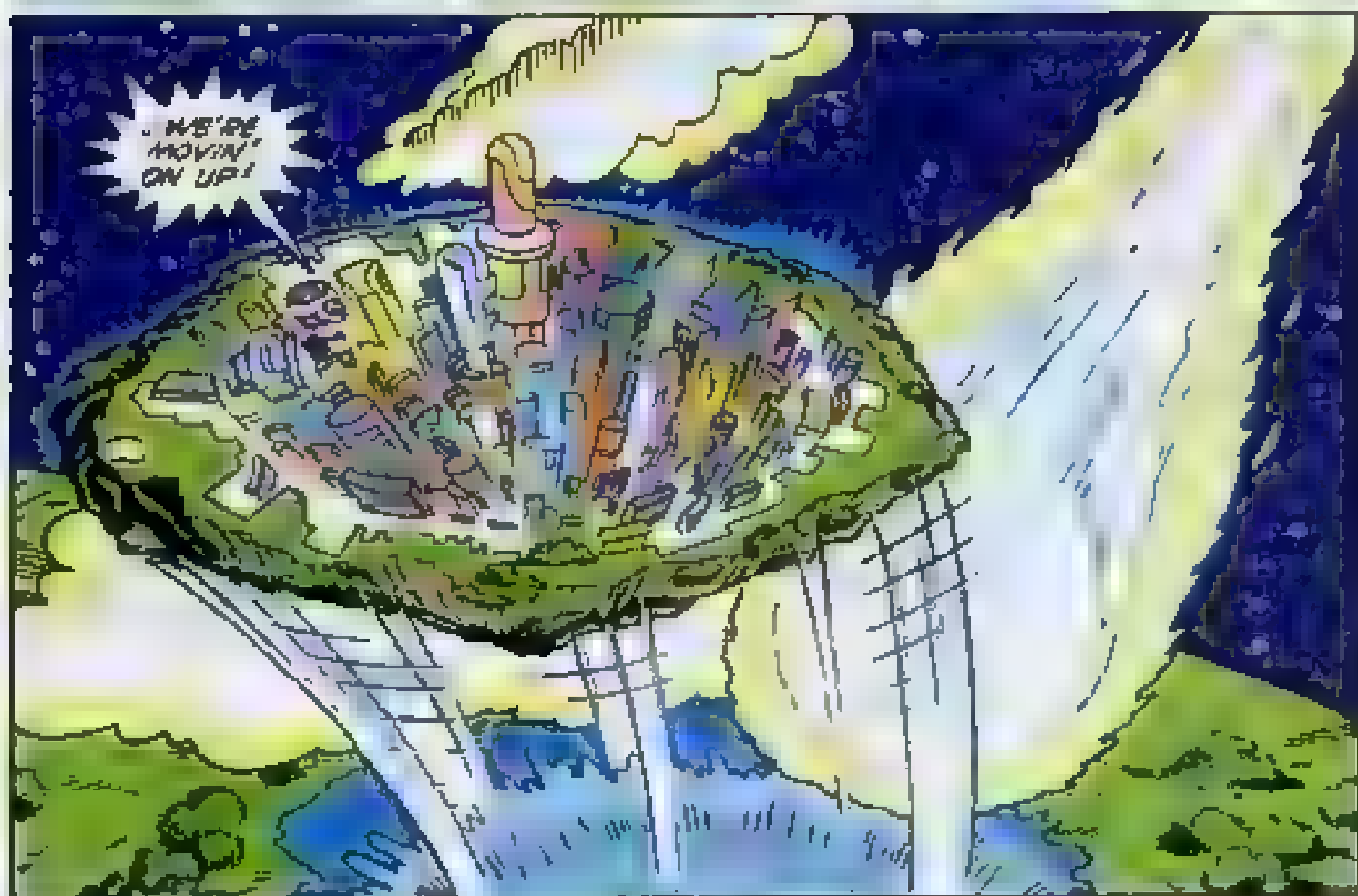
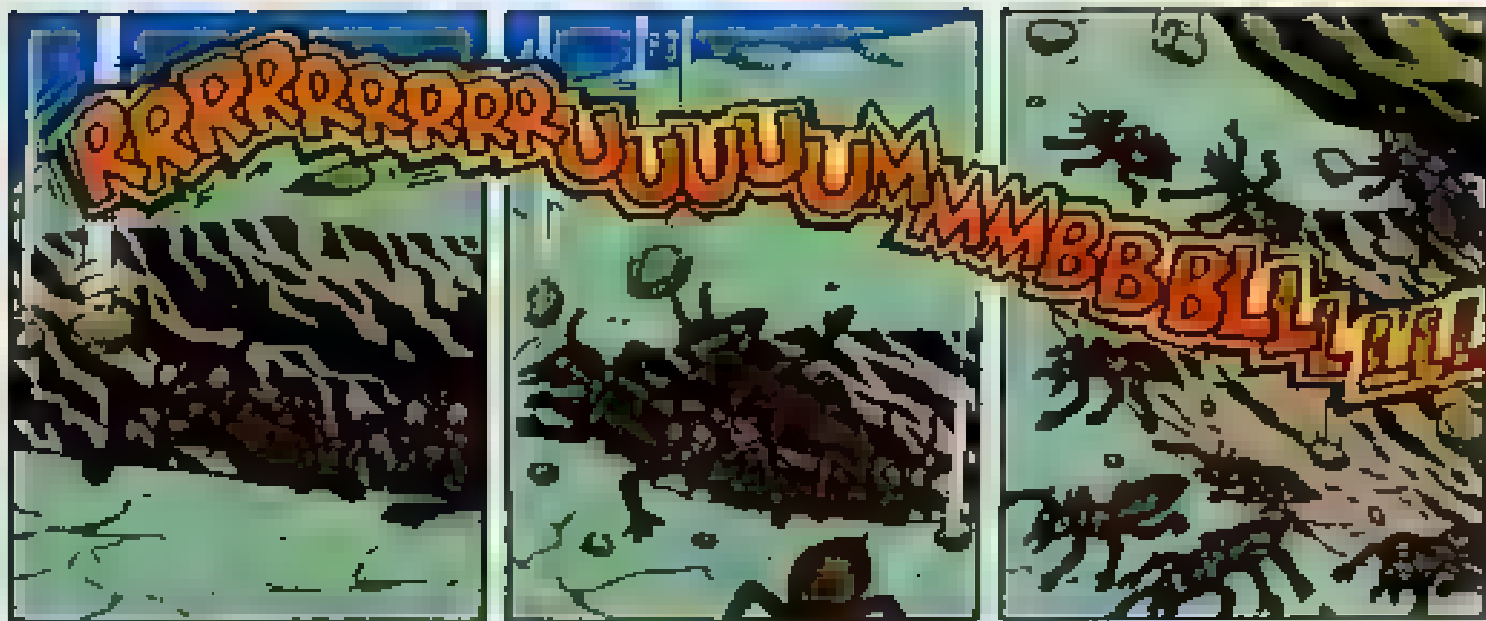


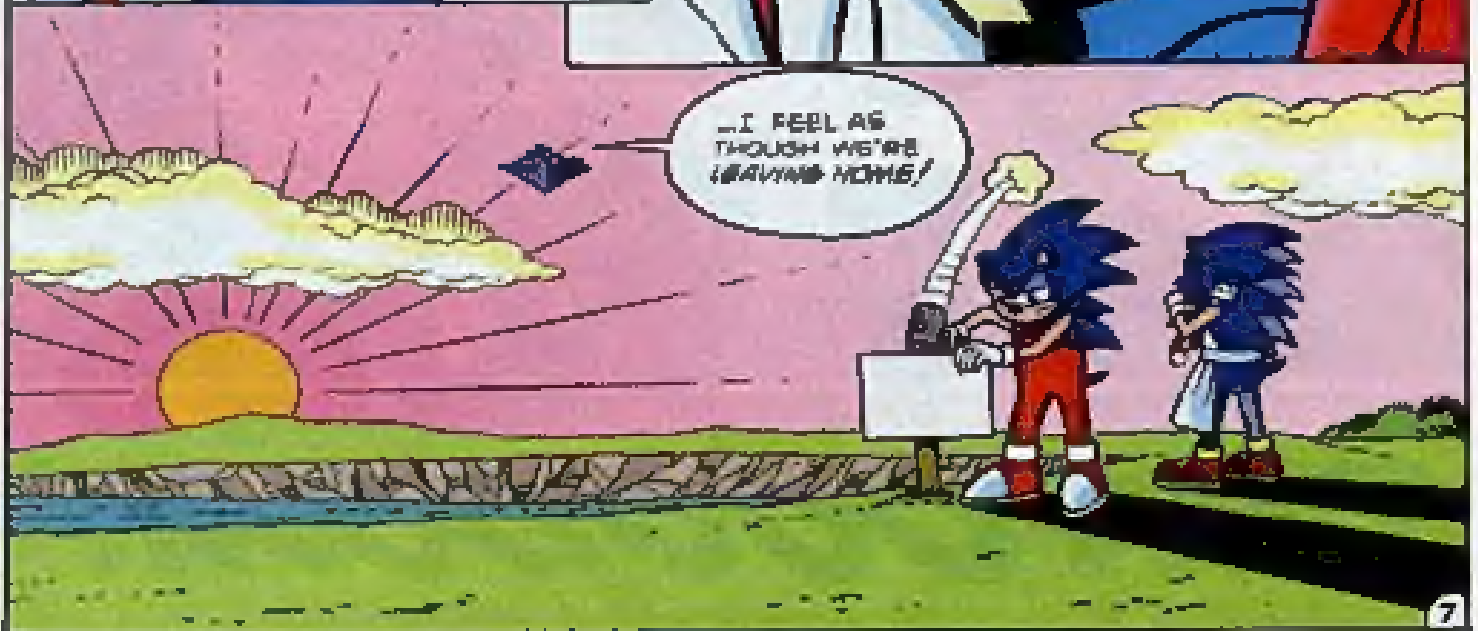
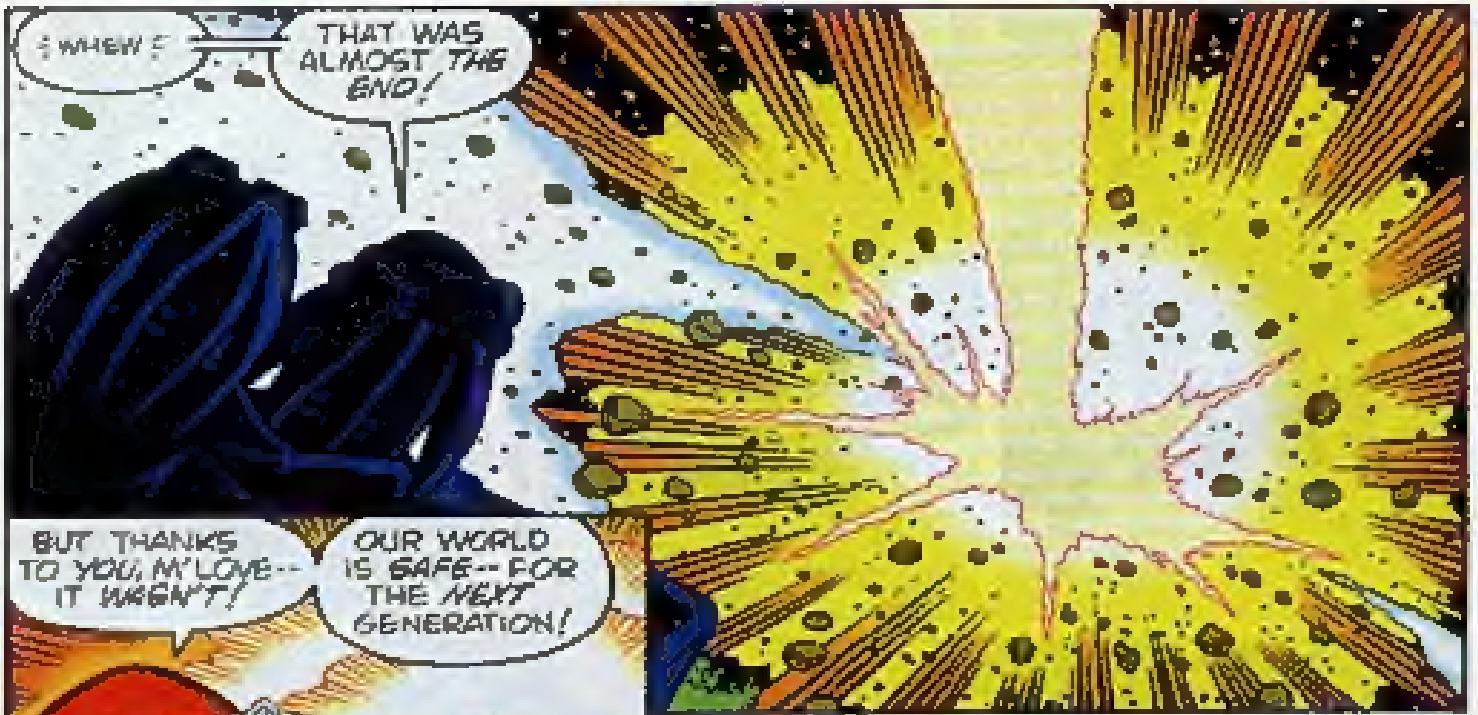
"...THEN PLACED WITHIN THE CAVERNS BELOW!



"IF I AM RIGHT THE ENERGY FROM THE CHAOS EMERALDS SHOULD RESONATE THROUGHOUT THE CITY'S INFRASTRUCTURE-- COVERING THE GRAVIMETRIC LINES OF FORCE!

"OR... TO PUT IT ANOTHER WAY...

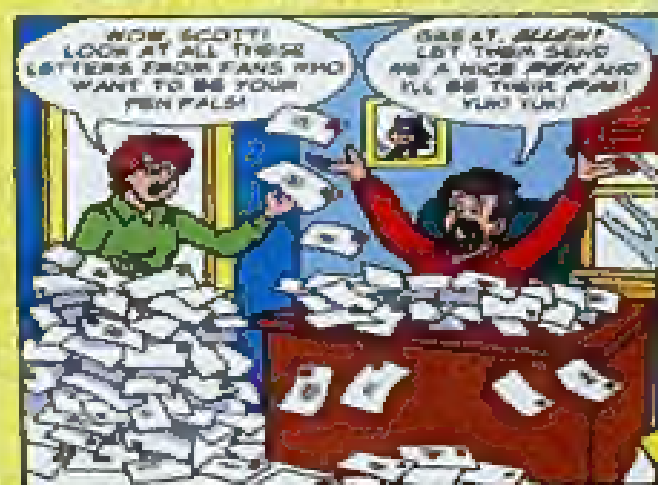






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IT'S NOT HARD TO BELIEVE!

When you have super-popular heroes like Sonic, Tails and Knuckles in this world, it's not hard to believe that Archie Comics receives tons of fan mail for these legends. But I never would have dreamed that our offices would be literally overflowing with daily deliveries of hundreds of Sonic-Grams and Sonic Art letters!

Many fans request personal responses or ask if I can be their pen pal. While I certainly would love to be able to personally respond to every Sonic fan, it would be impossible — I'd never get my editing work done and there would be no Sonic comics! Boo! However, I do read each and every letter and use every piece of art that is delivered, and they're all great! I really appreciate each and every response, question, comment, criticism and most of all... gratitude! As our way of saying thanks, we routinely send readers **"Sonic Extra,"** a newsletter detailing all kinds of great Sonic info. In the meantime, if you would like to see your letter printed, my best advice would be to keep it short, tell me specifically what you liked and didn't like in recent stories and ask questions that have not been submitted to these pages.

In addition to this issue's great lead story, this comic also has two major distinctions. First, you finally get to enjoy the long-awaited Knuckles' solo story **"Sense of History" Part 1**. The debut of this astounding epic means you have only two months to wait for **Knuckles' mini-series!** Second, starting with this issue, all Sonic covers will now be colored by **Heroic Age!** YES! Oh, and did I forget to mention that starting back with issue #31, Spaz has been assigned the task of **regular cover artist!** JOO!

Next issue, thrill to secrets of Sonic's **power rings** and Knuckles' eight-page mini-epic **"Sense of History" Part 2!**

Scott

Be there before Robotnik!

P.S. This month **Ellen Leonforte** makes her debut in the **"Adventures of Scott & Paul."** Ellen is the multi-talented staff artist who is responsible for the design and construction of most of our house ads, Archie's Club News and fan letters pages. Spaz and I regularly call upon Ellen to benefit from her superior knowledge of color to help bring you the most exciting Sonic comic colors in the world!

Dear Sonic,

Howzit goin', blue guy!! Yup! I'm writing again -- not to Knuckles but to the Sacred Spine! I have to talk to you about Bunnie, but first, I'd like to ask some questions. 1. Who played shortstop in Major League Yankees? No!! Just kidding. Anyway, I have we seen the last of E.V.E.? 2. Is there any possible way to get issues 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20 and 22? Well, about Bunnie? I certainly agree with Peter Hagarth way back in #24! Bunnie Rabbot did not appear in lots of issues so, please take care of that. Thank you very much!!!

Your Sonic Jr.,
Mathin Gropp
Rochester, IN

Howzit goin', human guy!! Sonic here! 1. I'd rather not see E.V.E. again, but if enough fans write that they want her back, well...; 2. Check out the Sonic checklist in this issue and your favorite comic shop for back issues. Look for a Bunnie solo story in Sonic #37, with script and art by Rich Koslowski. Look for a two-part story in the near future with Bunnie at the forefront of the action by Gallagher and Spazi

Dear Sonic,

I've written in many times and tried to get my stuff printed. And that led me to a question. Whatever happens to the hundreds of thousands of letters that get sent in? I mean I know how they get there

and someone does something with them, but what? Hopefully whoever reads this will want to answer me. And by the way, I'd really like to compliment Pat Spazinate's and Jon D'Agostino's artwork. All the artwork in these comics is great, but I especially like the realism they add. And if you don't print this, thanks anyway for reading it. Even though I didn't send any Sonic art in this letter, I'll be drawing and sending in more thurdy.

Later,
Raby Brown
South Bend, Indiana

Hey, Raby, thanks for dropping me a line! Check out Scott's editorial box for the answer to your question!

Dear Espio,

You're cool when you disappear. Are you in a dungeon or something? I mean, you were kidnapped by Archimedes, right? I want the untold tales of downunda and Chaotix. Here are some questions: 1) Will you get your own solo? 2) Do you eat bugs? 3) What is that hole in Necha Sonic's stomach? See Ya!

Your number 1 fan,
Sean Dickell
Jonesboro, Gt 30236

Yo', Sean, Espio here! 1) I will definitely be getting my own solo story in a future issue and look for me and the Chaotix in Knuckles' mini-series; 2) Yup, and don't say "yuck!"; 3) It's where the jet rockets fire to make him move fast!

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